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RUSSIAN 5TH COLUMN PLAYED

Britain Says Communists Wrecking Reconstruction SOVIETS TRAINING GERMANS

Paris, October 13.

Great Britain alleged today that Russia's fifth column is sabotaging world reconstruction through Communist parties in every country in the world.

Sir Hartley Shawcross addressing the 58-nation Political Committee of the United Nations, declared Russia's offer to lay her cards on the table if a Soviet disarmament proposal was adopted will not do.

Resuming debate on Russia's proposal for a one-third reduction in armaments within a year, Sir Hartley said Russia's Andrei Vishinsky is trying to do away with the iron curtain by denying it existed.

"What a tremendous contribution it would be to confidence in Europe if the Soviet countries would open the doors, lift the curtains, and let travellers from other countries get to know and make friends with the warm-hearted and generous people of Russia and to understand the great problems they have to face," Sir Hartley said.

"One word from Russia, one little word—'stop'—would enable these troubled countries to put their own houses in order and to build themselves up in democratic peace and security—one little word—and it does not come."

He asked if the Soviet Union, to restore international trust and confidence, would call off the secret forces, the fifth column which is trying to disrupt the economies of many countries of the world.

"One state and one state alone is standing in the way of the international control of atomic energy and of the progress towards conventional disarmament," Sir Hartley said.

A main factor in the present lack of confidence was the belief that the Soviet Union had under arms, forces far larger than her legitimate peace-time needs.

Calls On Russia

Sir Hartley called on Russia to take these immediate measures:

1. Let newspaper correspondents move freely in Soviet Russia.
2. Let diplomats travel as they may in civilized countries.
3. Freedom for civil aircraft.
4. Let Britain have a diplomatic mission and consulate in Kiev and Minsk.
5. Let Western newspapers be available.

6. Let there be exchange broadcasts between Russia and the West.
7. Let the countries exchange tourists and let the people become friends.
8. Let Britain and Russia exchange university students.

Meanwhile, the Soviets have begun the garrisoning of newly captured and armed people's militia in former Nazi military installations which were supposed to have been destroyed or put to other purposes, the American-licensed paper, Tagespiegel, alleged today in Berlin.

The newspaper listed eight known garrison installations scattered through the Soviet zone and asked editorially: "Is this an army of civil war?"

Training 400,000

Tagespiegel reiterated recent press reports that the Soviets were screening, training and arming 400,000 men for their pro-Soviet people's militia.

The paper said this shows what is really behind the Soviet's proposal, for the withdrawal of all occupation troops from Germany. Tagespiegel said if that year ever starts Russia still will be present through the militia it controls.

The paper said the so-called police force was fully centralized and has no municipal or provincial character. It pointed out that East Germany neither needs nor

French Dockers To Walk Out

Paris, October 13.

A 24-hour dockworkers walk-out threatened to tie up most of the ports in strike-harried France today.

The tie-up follows the new familiar strike pattern which the Government has blamed on the Communist Party. The strategy consists of short strikes in key industries and commerce points.

Communist leader Benoit Frachon has told his followers in the powerful General Confederation of Labour (CGT) that this method is more effective than a general strike.

The major strike still is the nation-wide coal mine stoppage, now in its 11th day. The walk-out already has cost the nation more than 1,000,000 tons of fuel and no end of the strike is in sight.—Associated Press.

can pay for such a huge police force.

"It hardly required the application of common sense to know by whom these troops are paid, equipped with first class uniforms, and by whom they are armed," the paper added.

Members of the militia, the paper said, were given a six-week training course, including maneuvers with heavy automatic rifles and grenade throwers. Russian machine-guns are the standard equipment.

Confirmed

"All these things are confirmed and supplemented by persons who resented them the Soviet zone and appeared in Berlin," the paper said.

The newspaper said the pretended excuse for the creation of such a militia is protection of workers and their democratic reconstruction.

Actually, the paper said, the Soviet-controlled German Interior Administration speaks of

it as a protection against the alarming preparations for civil war in West Germany.

Tagespiegel said: "Only the Soviet zone Interior Administration has used the words civil war. In other words, an army of mercenaries ready to co-operate in the defence of the Soviet Union and her annexed East German areas."

Meanwhile, the Soviet press opened a propaganda campaign designed to create friction between the American and French military governments.

Break Alleged

The Red Army organ, Tageliche Rundschau, predicted General Florio Koenig's recall as French military governor. The paper alleged an open break between General Koenig and General Lucien D. Clay, American military governor, had developed about an alleged demand by General Clay that the French governor employ political advisers who support the American policy.

It said General Clay threatened to cut off supplies for the French now brought in by the Anglo-American airlift, and that the Secretary of State, Mr. George C. Marshall, supported Gen. Clay.

As a result, the paper said, Premier Robert Schuman assured Mr. Marshall that General Koenig will be recalled.

The Soviet-licensed Berliner Zeitung said General Koenig's successor had been elected.

The Soviet press in the past repeatedly reported clashes between Gen. Clay and Gen. Koenig. All such reports had been denied on both sides. Neither General Clay nor General Koenig were in Berlin to comment on today's Soviet line.—Associated Press.

NO OSLO MEETING OF COMMUNISTS

Oslo, October 12.

Jorgen Vogt, the Norwegian Communist leader, denied the Stockholm reports that Nordic Communist Party leaders had met here to consider strike policy.

He said he had not heard of any such meeting being held.—Reuter.

Talks To End US Maritime Strike

San Francisco, October 13.

Top level exploratory talks between national leaders of the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the head of the American President Lines were seen today as a possible opening wedge for settlement of the Pacific coast maritime strike that has choked off traffic to the Far East for six weeks.

Mr. Allan S. Haywood and Mr. R. J. Thomas, ace CIO troubleshooters, conferred yesterday with APL President, Mr. George Killian, and described the conference as productive.

The two union men were sent here by CIO President Mr. Philip Murray to help settle the crippling strike by having the national CIO guarantee the contract if necessary.

Shipowners have demanded guarantees of contract observance before they will negotiate. They also insist that maritime union leaders sign non-Communist affidavits—the principal snag to peace, overshadowing even the wage and hiring hall issues.

Optimistic Talks

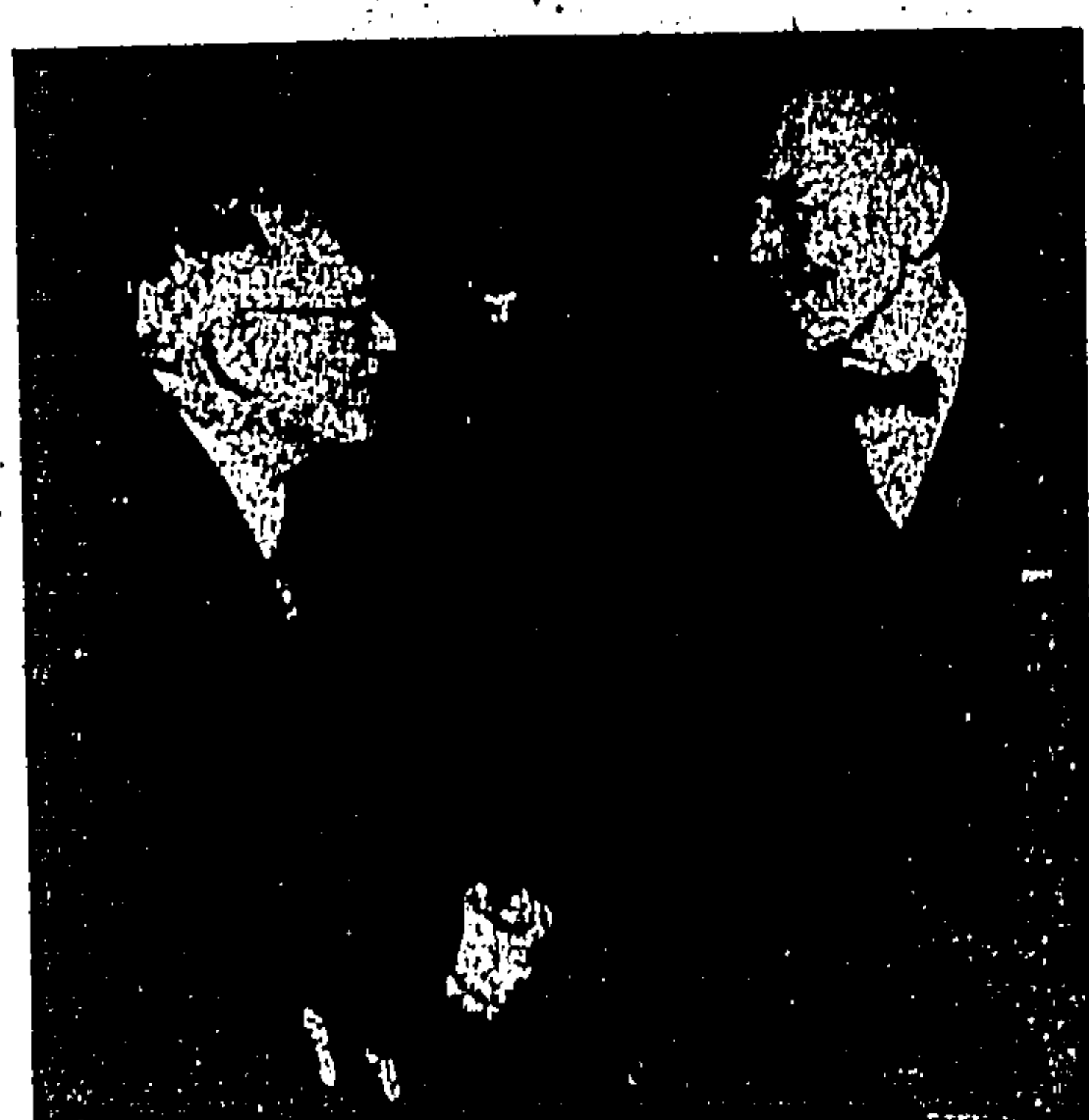
Optimistic over Mr. Killian's talk with the union leaders, some observers said today, a major breakdown in the strike appeared imminent.

The strike has been costing the employers \$4,000,000 a day by their own estimate. Only military cargoes have been moving. Those handled by CIO longshoremen are through contracts negotiated between the Army and stevedoring firms which are not members of the Waterfront Employers Association.

Longshoremen in Seattle set up a picket line at Tacoma on the contention that many of the ships in Tacoma have been diverted from strike closed ports. But longshoremen of the rival American Federation of Labour march en masse through the CIO lines yesterday and worked three ships.

Mr. William G. Gilling, Seattle regional CIO director, said the AFL action was unfair. He said dock unions in foreign countries had pledged not to work the ships at their destinations.

Before The Verbal Duel



Mr. Andrei Vishinsky, of Russia, is shown giving a smile and a handshake to Sir Alexander Cadogan, of Great Britain, before a vital debate on the East-West cold war in the United Nations Security Council. The smiles, however, vanished soon as Mr. Vishinsky and Sir Alexander dug deep into files in an attempt to prove where the guilt lies in the Berlin issue. (AP Photo.)

Govt Team Work To Be Stressed

Shanghai, October 13.

A closer spirit of co-operation between the legislative and executive branches of the Chinese Government on means to continue improvement of China's economic plight was evident in proposals under consideration by the Legislative Yuan, which closely parallel suggestions made by President Chiang Kai-shek. Previously the tendency of the Legislative Yuan had been to criticise. The recent outspoken Legislative assaults on Premier Wang Wen-hao over the budget is one of the top examples.

But today Yuan members were closely following the lines laid by the Generalissimo earlier this week when he said it was of highest importance that means be found to maintain the people's confidence in the new currency.

The Generalissimo took serious note of the buying rush in Shanghai caused by idle capital.

At the same time he criticised the press in cities other than Shanghai for over-emphasising the price.

The finance sub-committee of the Yuan at present has before it a proposal, introduced by Mr. Shen Chung-yu and signed by more than 100 other legislators, proposing concrete steps to control idle capital.

The measure calls for an increase in the number of supervisors to control the issuance of gold yuan throughout the country. It pointed out that people in the interior have little knowledge or information even yet about the new currency.

Figure Paraded Down

It was also revealed that the military budget for July 1 to the end of the year had been pared down to a figure equivalent to 118 military aid grants of US\$125,000,000. It was said there is a better than even chance the entire budget will be balanced as a result of the slash in military estimates.

Mr. Shen's proposal also calls for keeping all gold and silver out of coins and confine mintings to nickel and copper pieces. This is designed to avoid the temptation of hoarding.

Meanwhile, it was learned Major-General Chiang Ching-

Egypt Recognises Arab Government

Cairo, October 12.

The Egyptian Government tonight officially recognised the All-Palestine Arab Government.

An official communique said: "The Royal Egyptian Government has decided to recognise the All-Palestine Government, Mahmoud El Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha, President of the Egyptian Council of Ministers, today, communicated this decision to Ahmed El-Hay Pasha, Premier of the All-Palestine Government."

Egypt is the second State to recognise the Palestine Arab Government, which is headed by the Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin El Huseini. The Government was formed at Gaza on September 22. Haj announced her recognition earlier today.—Reuter.

SIGNIFICANT GAINS BY GOVERNMENT FORCES

Shanghai, October 13.

The recapture of the south Manchurian seaport of Yingkow and Paitahying, important strong point north of Chinchow, beleaguered strategic railway city in the Manchurian corridor, were the most significant of several major Government victories revealed in pro-Government despatches from various civil-war fronts today.

The Government re-occupation of Yingkow is expected to ease the Nationalist supply problem in the Chinchow sector, which so far has been open to the sea only through the port of Hulutao.

Other Government successes of consequence in the past 24 hours included the liquidation of nearly 7,000 Communists in a battle north of the East Shensi city of Tungchow, about 80 miles northeast of Sian, the provincial capital, and the recapture of the Peiping-Hankow railway city of Lingying, in central Honan, about 70 miles south of Chenchow.

With Lingying back in Government hands, traffic is expected to be resumed shortly along the 180 miles stretch of line between Chenchow and Sinyang, in south Honan, after several months interruption.

For the first time since they opened their offensive about one month ago, General Lin Piao's armies in the Manchurian capital are being pushed around. Besides losing Paitahying, from which the Communist 8th Army retreated eastward, they were also driven out of the railway town of Tahshan, about 18 miles southwest of Chenchow, by a column of American-trained Nationalist troops, battling their way from Hulutao to the relief of their besieged colleagues.

Chinchow Pressed

Despite these successes, however, pro-Government reports admitted that the Chinchow situation is still critical, but thought that the crisis would pass if the defenders could hold out for another three days, when the first of many Nationalist armies converging on the corridor should have arrived within striking distance. This is expected to be the column composed of Burma campaign veterans, which yesterday recaptured Changwu and today took Jaoyangshu, after advancing another 35 miles southward.

They are expected to have their first major engagement when they clash with General Lin Piao's crack troops drawn up between Tahshan and Paicheng, respectively 60 miles northeast and north of Chinchow.

Meanwhile, in central Shansi, General Yen Hsi-shan's forces fell back further on Taiyuan today in face of increasing Red pressure. The Communists had driven within 10 miles of the city after

Russia To Start Ties With N Korea

Moscow, October 13.

Prime Minister Stalin has informed the People's Democratic Republic of Korea that the Soviet Union is prepared to establish diplomatic relations with it.

Stalin's telegram to Kim Il Sung, Premier of the Republic in Russian-occupied North Korea, was in response to a request that the Soviet Union establish formal diplomatic and economic relations with the Pyongyang Government. "The Soviet Government," said the text of the telegram carried by Tass, "had always stood for the right of the Korean people to create its own united Government and congratulate the Korean Government and wishes it success in its activity."

"The Soviet Government," said the text, "wishes to establish diplomatic relations between the USSR and the Korean People's Democratic Republic and to exchange Ambassador and, also, together with this, to establish corresponding economic relations."

(This Republic was set up by the Communists in Russian-occupied northern Korea. A despatch from Seoul said a spokesman for the Republic of Korea, established after United Nations-sponsored elections were held in American-occupied southern Korea, called the North Korean bid for recognition "entirely unjustified.")

The southern regime soon will have representatives at the UN meeting in Paris.—Associated Press.

GY Drop Continues

A further sharp drop in the value of China's Gold Yuan currency was recorded on the Hong Kong market yesterday.

Opening at 78 cents to one Gold Yuan four cents higher than Tuesday's closing rate—the Gold Yuan topped down 20 points in a few hours, being quoted after lunch hour at 58 Hong Kong cents.

The official rate is HK\$1.33 to one Gold Yuan.

Business on the Gold Yuan basis was still at a standstill yesterday.

Merchants said that the hardest hit in the business community are trading syndicates who have not yet been paid for goods to Canton a week ago.

The fall of the Gold Yuan has not affected other foreign currencies. The rates for gold bars and American currency remain steady.

Bank Denies HK Report

Shanghai, October 13.

The Central Bank of China spokesman today denied a press report from Hong Kong that the bank was selling Hong Kong dollars to buy United States dollars.

The press report quoted the Far Eastern Economic Review as the source.

The bank spokesman said if any one were selling Hong Kong dollars for United States dollars it is definitely not the Chinese government or any of its agencies.—United Press.

WOMAN FOUND SERIOUSLY HURT

A young Chinese woman was found lying seriously injured in the back lane of the Cathay Hotel, at Causeway Bay, yesterday morning.

Taken to the Queen Mary Hospital, her condition late last night was described as serious.

It was disclosed that the woman registered at the hotel on Tuesday, booking room No. 308.

It could not be ascertained whether she fell or jumped from her room.

Emergency Council To Be Formed In PI

Manila, October 13.

A Philippine Government spokesman said today President Elpidio Quirino may create a national emergency council to co-ordinate relief operations in Luzon provinces rapt by peasant disorders.

In case of a new world war, the agency would co-ordinate civilian relief and national preparedness programmes.

Meanwhile, a separate plan was proposed which would strengthen the Government's military arm against Hukbalahap guerrillas. A committee representing department secretaries, governors and mayors on October 12 recommended all municipal police be placed under the Philippine Constabulary or Philippine Army.

Police forces include about 12,000 men. The Under-Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Marciano Roque, estimated.

Presidential Press Secretary Mr. Vicente Paez, said the only motive for the recommendation was a desire to divorce police from politics. However, separating of police forces from the control of municipal mayors would aid military forces pursuing Hukbalahap guerrillas.

Mr. Paez said, President Quirino is considering the idea of a national emergency administration with a two-fold purpose. First, the council would supervise relief activities in Central Luzon

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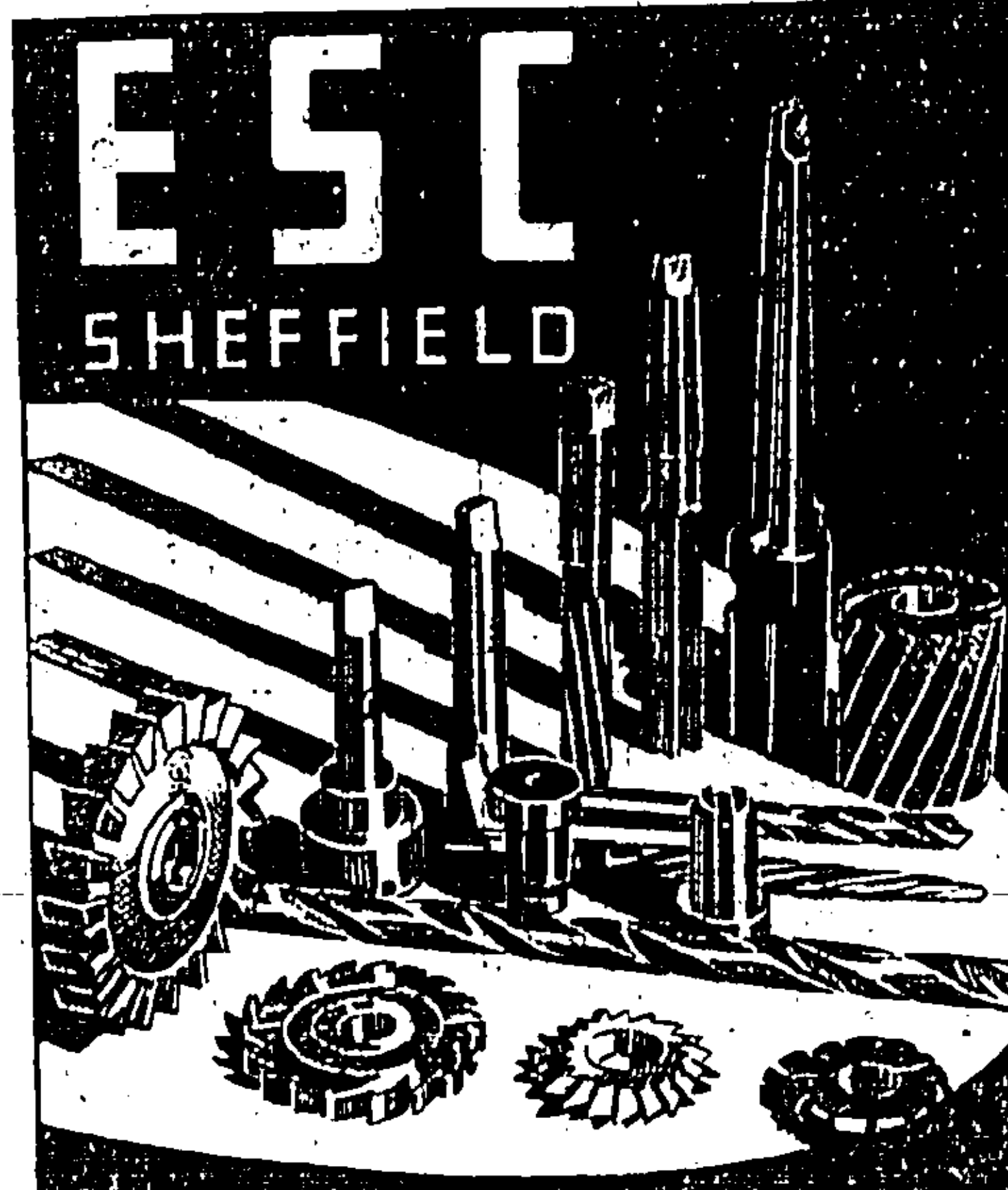
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40 TONS OF FOOD PARCELS TO BRITAIN

Forty tons of food parcels will be sent by ss. Canton to Britain by the Ladies Committee of Hong Kong's Food Parcels to Britain Fund before the end of the month, the "China Mail" was informed yesterday.

The food parcels, consisting of American mince-meat and corned beef hash, were sent to the Kowloon Godowns yesterday for storage.

The loading of the parcels on to a landing craft at Stone Pier, Canton Road, Central, yesterday was watched by crowds of people. The food was transported across the harbour to the Kowloon Godowns.

A statement issued by the Ladies Committee, of which Dr. L. Fehly, wife of the Urban Council Chairman, is the Honorary Secretary, said that 49,275 pounds of American mince-meat and 30,000 pounds of American corned beef hash were purchased at reasonable prices.

This food, in addition to the 4,736 pounds left over from the Spring Campaign, will be sent to the United Kingdom by the ss. Canton in due time here on October 25 and leave for the United Kingdom a few days later.

The statement added that the consignment of food, some 40 tons, will arrive in the United Kingdom in time for Christmas. It will be distributed there with the assistance of the Ministry of Food's "Overseas Gifts Allocation Centre".

Equitable Distribution

The Centre, at 485, Oxford Street, London, has been opened by the Ministry of Food in order to ensure the equitable distribution of bulk gift food. The Ministry covers all expenses in connection with warehousing, delivery and freight, the last item being specially welcome to the Ladies Committee, as free sea transport in British warships is no longer available, said the statement.

The distribution of gift food by the Centre is made through-out the United Kingdom so that 70 per cent of the gift goes to local organisations for distribution to the sick, aged and needy individuals and 30 per cent, is allocated directly to hospitals and residential charitable institutions.

Donors may, however, designate their gifts for distribution to particular hospitals or residential charitable institutions or they may ask for distribution to be

confined to needy individuals in specified areas, added the statement.

In accordance with these regulations, the Ladies Committee has in mind a few organisations and institutions. In view of the large amount of gift food to be despatched the Committee will welcome suggestions by the public. Anyone who wishes to suggest a bona fide organisation or institution worthy for gift food is invited to communicate with the Committee (P. O. Box 1143).

Arrived Safely

All the gift food sent last year (40 tons net) and last spring arrived safely in the United Kingdom and has been distributed. Thousands of letters of appreciation and gratitude have been received and letters are still being received with every mail.

The Ministry of Food, said the statement is also very impressed by Hong Kong's efforts and a few weeks ago it requested the Committee, by cable, to send them data, photographs, and material covering this food campaign for the purpose of using them in a display organised this week by the Ministry of Food in honour of Commonwealth Premier.

The Committee sent the required information and photographs including the photographs of the swimming and beauty contests which were taken in the Ritz Swimming Pool. Half of the proceeds of the contests was donated to the Fund and this money enabled the Committee to purchase a great part of the present consignment of gift food.

With this last purchase, the Fund of the Committee is exhausted. Anyone who wish the Committee to continue their excellent work may send subscriptions to the Honorary Treasurers, Messrs. Peat Marwick & Mitchell, Windsor House.

BUS ROBBERS TAKE \$500

A robbery, in which three armed men took part, occurred at the same time on Tai Po Road near the reservoir on a Tai Po bus at 8.30 p.m. last night. The robbers, after robbing the conductor and the passengers, decamped with money and valuables to the amount of about \$500.

REHEARSALS

Rehearsals for the Hong Kong Light Orchestra will take place tomorrow and Monday at 6 p.m. The rehearsals will be held at No. 27B, Robinson Road. Transport will leave the Star Ferry at 5.30 p.m.

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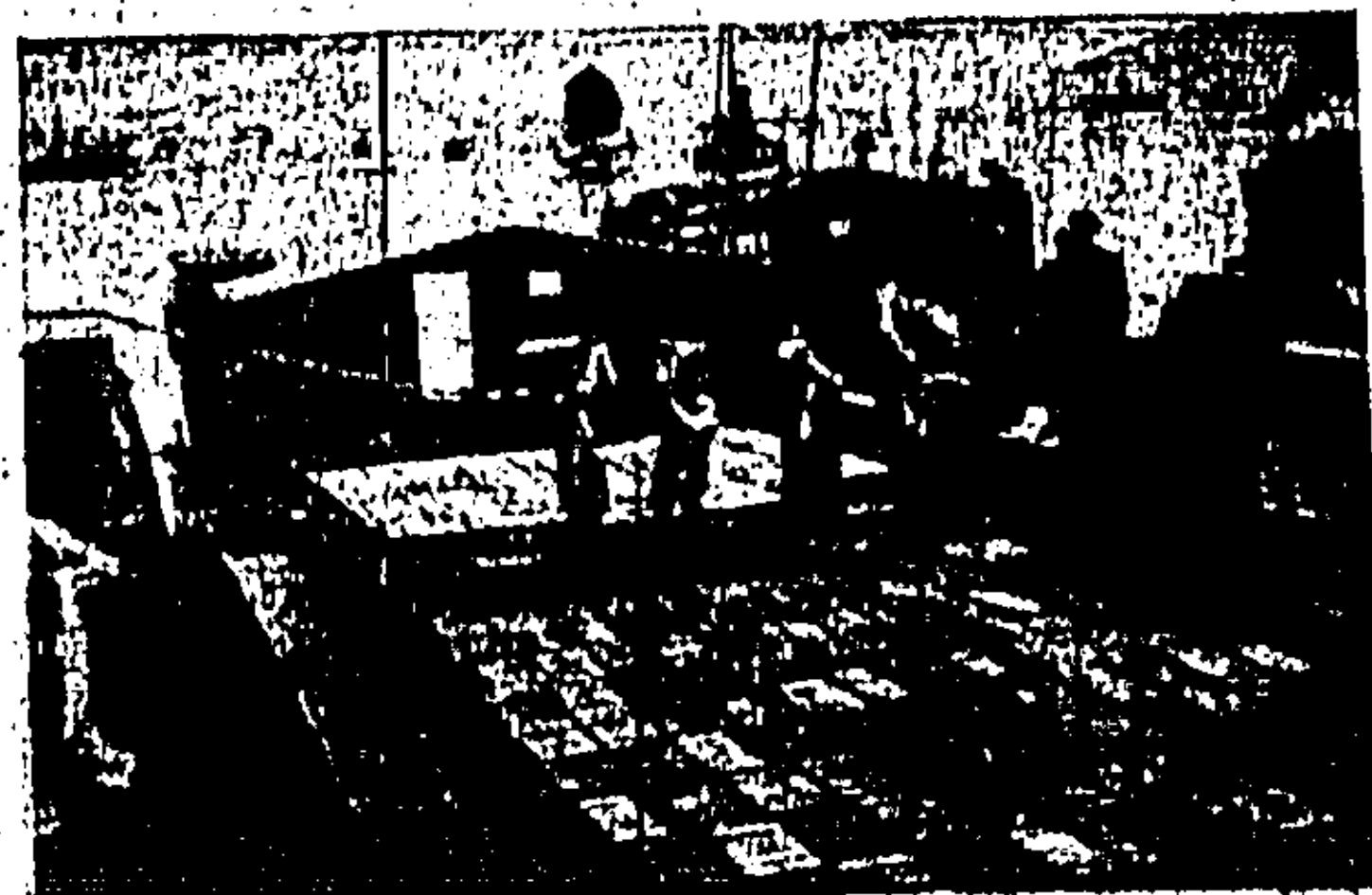
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Jury Dissatisfied In Fire Inquiry

A jury enquiring into the Peiho Theatre fire, in which four persons lost their lives, told the Coroner yesterday that they were not satisfied that adequate precautions had been taken against an outbreak of fire.

In a rider, the jury added that it should be left to the Crown Counsel to take whatever action he considers necessary against the persons responsible.

The jury stated that evidence indicates that the fire started in drums containing old films which were stored in the basement, there not being sufficient evidence to show how ignition was caused.

Mr. R. Terry, Government Chemist, said he visited the Peiho theatre on October 2 and examined a number of steel drums taken from the fire and also examined in his laboratory a quantity of film and other materials from the fire sent to him by Inspector C. Doorman.

Origin In Film

Results of his examination was that a quantity of waste motion picture films was stored in the basement. The films were nitrate picture films and the fire had its origin in this film.

The explosion in the celluloid, he said, was caused by a large volume of gas released from the hot celluloid. This formed an explosive mixture with the air in the cellar which was then ignited by the burning material.

In this connection he pointed out that the blown-out wall in the basement was remote from where the films were stored. The mass of hot flames from the burning celluloid then swept up the two stairways.

The force of the explosion not only burst the walls but also the trap doors, and resulted in the flames sweeping up the main stairway.

Two Theories

Mr. Terry advanced two theories regarding the probable start of the fire.

The films were ignited through spontaneous combustion. Celluloid stored in places of hot climates is subject to progressive decomposition.

The materials might have been ignited by a cigarette or a match. The drums were stored about six feet from the iron grill of the basement which separated the common staircase from the entrance.

Xmas Gifts From HK

Adjournment Of Appeal Against Tribunal Verdict

An appeal against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal varying the rental of No. 45, Hankow Road, 3rd floor, Kowloon, which came up before Mr. Justice Reynolds (Additional Judge), at the Supreme Court yesterday, was adjourned after preliminary submissions by Counsel.

The appeal was brought on the ground that the decision of the Tribunal, which comprised Mr. Jose M. Noronha (Chairman), Mrs. A. Wakefield and Mr. Frederick C. Mow Fung (Members), was wrong in law.

The rent paid in respect of the premises before the application to the Tribunal was \$350 a month. The respondent, Mr. Leo Green, applied to the Tribunal for a decrease of \$250.

In the absence of evidence to prove the rent payable just prior to December 1941 and after viewing the premises, the Tribunal came to the conclusion that the rent payable in December 1941 could not have been far from \$100 a month.

On July 1, 1947, this figure plus 20 per cent equalled \$120. The Tribunal therefore assessed the rent payable to the principal tenant at \$100, exclusive of rates and taxes.

Mr. B. A. Bernachi, instructed by Mr. A. S. K. Lau of Messrs. A. S. K. Lau & Company, represented the appellant, Mr. Chan King-luen.

The respondent was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

The particulars given in support of the appeal were as follows:

No Longer Tenant

(a) The respondent was no longer a tenant of the premises within the meaning of Article 4 (a) of the Proclamation, as he no longer in occupation of same or any part thereof, having left Hong Kong on or about October 1947, and being absent from the Colony at the time without any intention of returning; in the alternative, without any intention of returning within nine months after his departure.

(b) The respondent had before his departure, without the knowledge and written consent of the appellant, assigned and transferred the said premises to David Green; wherefore he was not entitled to be heard as an applicant and the Tribunal should have dismissed the application.

(c) The said David Green purported to represent the respondent at the hearing before the Tribunal and the Tribunal was wrong in deciding that, upon the evidence, the said David Green was entitled to represent the respondent; the said David Green having no locus standi in respect of the application, wherefore the same should have been dismissed by the Tribunal.

Binding Agreement

Mr. Bernachi said that he had just been informed that Mr. Silva intended making a preliminary point that the appeal should be dismissed on the ground that a binding agreement had been reached between the parties.

Mr. Bernachi denied that any agreement had been reached between the parties and submitted that Mr. Silva should cross appeal or bring a separate action.

Replying, Mr. Silva said that from certain correspondence which he was able to produce, it would clearly be shown that a binding agreement had been reached in the matter and that the appeal should be dismissed.

KOWLOON FAIR

A fair will be held at the Heep Yunn School, Kowloon, on Saturday between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. It will be opened by Mrs. B. W. T'ao. The proceeds from the fair will be equally divided between charities and the Heep Yunn School's Gymnasium Fund.

Submits No Case To Answer

Mr. A. J. Clifford submitted that there was no case to answer after the prosecution closed the case in which Chan Sing, alias Chan Chung, merchant, Kwok Tim and Wong Wai were charged with possession of arms.

The three men were arrested as a result of the seizure of a motor torpedo boat in Aberdeen on August 31.

The arms charge was withdrawn against the first and second accused, who also faced another charge of attempting to export unmanifested cargo.

Before Mr. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ, was counsel for the first accused.

Three copies of the manifest must be presented at his office before clearance would be granted, said Mr. Francis Brett, Senior Marine Officer of the Marine Department. A licence issued by the proper authorities in Hong Kong, Canton or Macao must also be produced.

Last to take the box was Mr. Flanagan, Assistant Superintendent of the Import and Exports Department. When shown the list of cargo alleged to be on board the boat, he said that no export licence would be granted by him for condensed milk and the milk powder as these are listed as prohibited exports. No export licence, however, would be required for the other items on the list if they were intended for China. The cargo is not supposed to be loaded on the vessel until the licence had been obtained.

Failed To Show

Counsel for the defence said that the prosecution has failed to show an attempt to export cargo unmanifested.

The only evidence produced by the prosecution, he said, was that the cargo was found on board, which was equally consistent with import or export. His client (the first accused) he said, only admitted that he was the owner or the goods seized and there was nothing to show that he had any knowledge that they were to be exported unmanifested.

The case was formally remanded for one week.

Ruling was reserved.

INQUIRY INTO GODOWN BLAZE

In the presence of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, Mr. C. W. Brand, Deputy Chief Officer, Mr. H. Thipody, and Station Officer Wong Kwai-tsoi, a demonstration of the inflammability of celluloid, camphor and caustic soda was demonstrated to the members of the committee selected to enquire into the godown fire at West Point yesterday.

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It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the Office of the Public Works Department on Monday, the 18th day of October, 1948 at 3 p.m.

Sale Conditions may be obtained and sale plan inspected at the Office of the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Location	Boundaries	Area in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2638.	Tai Po Road	As per sale plan (Area edged red)	9,000 (about)	\$220.00	\$50,000.00

Immediately after the fall of the hammer the purchaser shall according to the Conditions of Sale pay to the Auctioneer a sum of \$8,000.00 in cash or by cheque which shall be certified by the Bank on which it is drawn. The Bank must be a member of the Exchange Banks Association.

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1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2628	Kiu Kiang Street, Cheung Sha Wan	As per sale plan (Area coloured red)	31,250	\$60	\$78,125

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V. KENIFF,

Director of Public Works.

Date: October 5, 1948.

THE BRITISH COUNCIL

Scholarships, 1949-50

The British Council have allocated to Hong Kong two scholarships tenable at institutions of higher education in Great Britain for the Session 1949-50. In special cases the scholarship may be extended to two years.

Candidates must be normally resident and working in Hong Kong, should be proficient in written and spoken English and preferably between the ages of 25 and 35 years. A degree of the University of Hong Kong, or an equivalent qualification, is an advantage.

The scholarships are not for undergraduate courses but are intended to give opportunities of advanced study at British Universities and other institutions.

Candidates should apply, in their own handwriting, to The British Council, Statue Square, Hong Kong, for application forms. The letter should explain briefly the background of the applicant and give details of the course of study which a candidate proposes to take.

Hong Kong Chamber Music Club

It is proposed that the Club, started in 1938, should be revived.

A preliminary meeting of the Club will be held, at Lady Grantham's invitation in the Ball-room of Government House on Friday, 22nd October, at 9.30 p.m.

Old members are invited to state what guests they wish to introduce and prospective members to apply for invitations to:

D. J. SLOSS,
Hon. Secretary.

University of Hong Kong, October 6, 1948.

NOTICE

THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATING AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD.

A meeting of the Management Committee will be held at the office (third floor), Union Building, 21, Pedder Street, at 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 14th, 1948.

GEORGE T. LLOYD,
General Secretary.

Hongkong, Oct. 12, 1948.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society will be held at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 1948, in the Board Room of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Exchange Building, by kind permission of the Stewards, for the purposes of—

(1) Altering the date of the Annual General Meeting from the month of March to the month of October.

If these alterations are approved, the Extraordinary General Meeting will be followed by the Annual General Meeting.

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Annual General Meeting

If approved by the Extraordinary General Meeting called above, the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 1948, in the Board Room of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Exchange Building, by kind permission of the Stewards, for the purposes of—

(1) Approving the accounts for the 9 months ending September 30, 1948;

(2) Electing Officers for the ensuing year;

(3) Fixing the date for the St. George's Ball;

(4) Any other business.

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NOTICE

GENERAL AVERAGE

s.s. "ANDRE LEBON"

Grounding at Saigon on September 27, 1948.

Owing to the grounding of this vessel at the entrance of Saigon river and subsequent expenses in connection with refloating her a General Average has been declared.

Consignees of all cargo which was on board previous to the grounding of this vessel will be required to sign an Average Agreement and to pay a deposit of 15% before their cargo be released.

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

Hong Kong, October 12, 1948.

Application Made For Eviction

An application for an eviction order was made yesterday at the Supreme Court Tenancy Tribunal by Mr. Lee Kau-yu against the occupiers of second and third floors of 8 Hillwood Road.

Mr. Peter H. Sin heard the application.

Mrs. Lee, wife of Mr. Ching Ting-koo, former Chinese Ambassador to Brazil, was represented by Mr. S. N. Quinn of Brutton and Company.

Mak Yee, occupier of 8 Hillwood Road, second floor, was represented by Mr. A. Y. Hon. Mr. P. C. Woo represented Chin Chak, occupier of the third floor.

Cross-examined by Mr. A. Y. Hon, the applicant Mrs. Lee said that when she purchased the house at 8 Hillwood Road 20 years ago, she had intended to reside in Hong Kong. But as her husband had taken up employment with the Chinese Government she went to live at Nan-king.

Since then she and her husband seldom had the occasion to come to the Colony. The house, which was then not needed for residential purposes, was rented under the care of her god-daughter.

For 20 Years

She admitted that she had not had a permanent residence in Hong Kong for 20 years.

Last year her husband resigned from the Government and she wrote to her god-daughter in Hong Kong from Nan-king to stop renting some of the flats at 8 Hillwood Road, as she was going to occupy it.

Applicant went on to say that she and her husband were at present living at a house in Bonham Road. It was a small one and provided very poor accommodation for the occupiers.

Mrs. Lee then said that she had two sons, one of which resided at Prince Terrace, and the other in Canton.

She added that she intends to make a permanent residence at 8 Hillwood Road.

After undergoing cross-examination by Mr. P. C. Woo, at which further evidence was given, hearing was adjourned till October 25 at 2.30 p.m.

Blithe Spirit Starts Tonight

Coming out with their first production of the season, the Hong Kong Stage Club presents Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" at the China Fleet Club Theatre tonight.

"Blithe Spirit" is rated as one of Coward's best, and there is every indication that this presentation by the Stage Club will be a success, with Clifford Davis producing the Reinaldo Obolins in the main lead.

Others in the cast include well known radio-voices of Alleen Dekkar, Roy and Valerie Beeching, Isabel Turner, Mavis Bartlett, and Hazel Selzer.

For the convenience of Kowloon theatregoers, a special ferry will leave the Police Pier, Kowloon at 8.25 and will again be available after the show.

WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding of Vency Vasco Villa Carlos, clerk, of 43 Hankow Road, Kowloon, and Miss Merela Lizola Rocha, of 100 Belcher Street, Hong Kong, has been announced.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Why don't we bound him out, J. C.? We could use him to write the qualifying clauses in our leases!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

COVER ALL YOU CAN DURING the early stages of the bidding, if you hold a good hand opposite a bidding partner, there are many possibilities which you cannot foresee as a rule. They may include both the best declaration for the deal and the height of it. In case the former, the best declaration, is not made clear by some bit of your partner, it is usually best for you to cover as many different possibilities as you can. One guide to it is to prefer bidding a major yourself, if you can soundly after he has opened with a minor. That still leaves a chance to reach No Trump if it is the best contract, whereas showing your strength by means of a No Trump call may result in your partner never hearing about a possible splendid major suit fit.

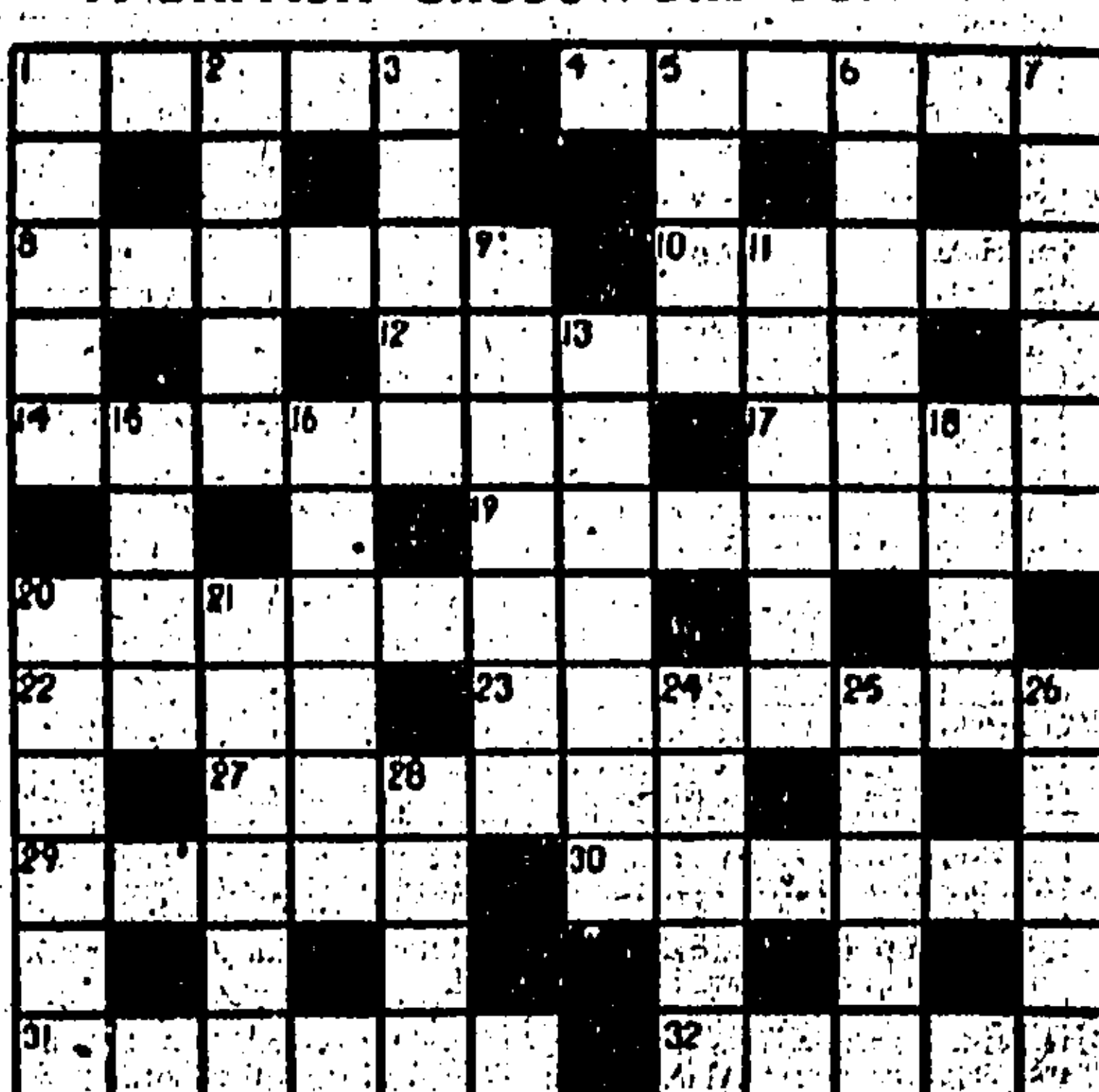
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DK 9 8 4
CR 8

(Dealer North. Neither side vulnerable.)
North East South West
1 C 1 S
2 C Pass 3 NT
This deal, in these dispatches several weeks ago, elicited the query from a good player in Oakland, California. "Why isn't it correct to support North's 1-Club, after East's 1-Heart, with a jump 2-No Trumps bid instead of 1-Spade? South's three count and the fact that North bid

on South's weakest suit, plus the heart strength, makes it seem that South's first response would be ideal if he said 2-No Trumps." As it develops, North has a hand for dummy which makes 2-No Trumps the best contract. But South didn't know that when his own first turn arrived. Suppose North had held something like four spades headed by 10-9, two little hearts, the diamond A-Q and five clubs headed by the A-Q. In that event 2-No Trumps by South would have brought 3-No Trumps from North, a contract which might be defeated, whereas 4-Spades would be easy to make. With that hand, after 1-Spade by South over the 1-Heart, North would raise and South should play into game or else bid 3-No Trumps, which North should take into 4-Spades. The reason why 1-Spade is a better first response than 2-No Trumps is that it covers more possibilities and leaves the door open to reach whichever contract is the better.

Tomorrow's Problem
SK J 10 8 7 4
H Q
DA Q 8 3
C 6 8
S 8 2
H A 9 7 8
D 5 4
C D 7 4 2
N
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E
S
SA 6
HK 3
DK 5
CR K Q J 5 4 3
(Dealer South. Both sides vulnerable.)
After the 2 on the heart A lead, can you make 2-1/2? Would you play for 6-Clubs in the South?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1 Depart
4 Vagrants
6 Mend
10 Pungent
12 Extreme
14 Grant
17 Express
19 Tendered
20 Income
22 Parched
23 Fragile
27 Easy catch
29 Common place
30 Church
31 Reconn
32 Revised

Clues Down

1 Poem
2 Shaking
3 Best part
5 Bellow
6 Looking glass
7 Moved crab
9 Fortification
11 Hidden
13 Umpire
15 Past
16 Bellow
18 Relate
20 Beam
21 Goes to sea
24 Angry
26 Went astray
28 Fixed period
30 Opal
31 Light
32 Event
33 Niece
34 Strip
35 Sake
36 Lead
37 Pretends

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—3 Colic, 8 Toll, 9 Parading, 11 Recalled, 13 Bent, 18 Devils, 19 Turned, 20 Stay, 21 Billed, 22 Replied, 24 Lone, 27 Pretends.

Down—1 Stir, 2 Disc, 4 Opal,

3 Lead, 6 Child, 7 Sight, 8 Peak, 10 Ray, 12 Event, 14 Niece, 15 Toile, 17 Stood, 19 Strip, 20 Apple, 21 Sake, 22 Lead, 23 Crop, 24 Drow.

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FRENCH STRIKE SITUATION: AGREEMENT "IN PRINCIPLE"

Soviet's "Fanatic Zealots"

Louisville, October 12. Governor Thomas Dewey, the Republican Party presidential candidate, declared in a speech on foreign policy here today that, if elected, he would carry out "a vigorous, competent and effective drive for a bi-partisan peace policy."

He assailed the "clumsiness, weakness, and wobbling of the present administration" of President Truman.

He asserted the present unsettled foreign situation was due in part to "the failure to consult the Republicans before making sudden and vital policy commitments."

Mr. Dewey claimed that most of the obstacles in the way of peace were founded in the "aggressive designs of the ruthless ambitions of the leaders of the Soviet Government."

"This band of fanatic zealots are striking at the ramparts of freedom with all means short of war."

"They are using falsehood, force, economic and political subterfuge, mob violence and treason," he said.

He added the people of the United States had no quarrel with the people of Russia, but only the deepest sympathy for all oppressed peoples suffering today under the rule of communism. —Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 0.52 megacycles per second in the 31 meter band.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—News of the Week (ORH).
1.00 p.m.—First News (ORH).
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—"Nothing But Music: The New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra, conducted by Sidney Torch (ORH).
2.00 p.m.—Class Down.
2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.
2.10 p.m.—"Our the Bell".
2.15 p.m.—The New Mayfair Orchestra.
2.20 p.m.—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.
2.30 p.m.—La Bambinoe Française (Studio).
2.40 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
2.45 p.m.—The "Radio City" Programme "Sound Science" No. 2. "Pure Science" by J.B. Hicks (ORH).
2.55 p.m.—"Music and Laughter" on Two Phases.
3.00 p.m.—"Concerto" ... Double Concerto in A Minor, Op. 102 (Brahms), Emma Hefetz (Violin), Emanuel Feuermann (Cello) and the Philadelphia Orchestra conducted by Eugene Ormandy.
3.15 p.m.—A Play "Wanted on Voyage" by Jack Shepherd. Episode 7: "The Packer School". Produced for the Hong Kong State Club by Jack Shepherd (Studio).
3.40 p.m.—"Serenade to the Stars" (Opera, Piano, Violin and Vocal (ORH).
4.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
4.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
4.16 p.m.—"Jazzette" "Hercule Poirot" Ballet Suite, Royal Opera House Orchestra.
4.30 p.m.—Composer Cavendish: Featuring the Music of Al Hoffman played by Astor and Broadcasting Orchestra (ORH).
4.40 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
4.45 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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—CLARE BART

—Paris, October 12. An agreement in principle to end the four-week old strike of French metal workers and iron miners in Lorraine was reached today.

Delegates of the metal workers were meeting to-night at the Ministry of Labour to work out details of the agreement, the main point of which is a 10 per cent wage increase.

Meanwhile, Paris felt the pinch of the nine-day old French coal strike for the first time today when the nationalised electricity organisation, the Electricite de France, started power cuts.

The coalfields remained strike-bound and the situation generally showed little change.

The local branch of the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour (the CGT) agreed to the change. However, dockers at Le Havre have decided to stop work tomorrow although the liner America is due to dock there.

Half a million strikers were eagerly awaiting the outcome of the talks which will decide whether workers on the nationalised railways will come out.

Railway management and union leaders met several times today, after discussions last night, between the railwaymen's spokesman and the Socialist Minister of Transport, M. Christian Pineau.

Though the concessions offered by the Minister were described as "insufficient" by M. Raymond, the Secretary General of the Rail Workers' Union, said:

No Strike Yet

"There is no question of a general strike of railwaymen for the moment." However, already more railwaymen, particularly in the Cherbourg area, walked out in sympathy with those late in several districts.

At the Gare du Nord and Gare St. Lazare today, railway traffic was reported to be running normally, but at the Gare d'Est, officials stated that several train services had been cancelled on the Paris-Strasbourg line.

At Cherbourg, trains were reported to be running normally although 80 per cent of the railwaymen there were still on strike. Reinforcements were supplied from surrounding stations.

Striking miners at St. Eloy's mines in the Pays-de-Dome Department, Central France, were reported today to have blocked the entrance to local pits.

One miner, returning to work, was injured in a scuffle with the pickets.

Red Machinations

In the northern coalfields, coke ovens were still burning slowly and gas was short in most large towns.

The Conservative Paris paper, France Soir, alleged today that the Communist paid a first instalment of 120 million francs (nearly £14,000) to the French Communist Party to "subsidise" strikes in France.

The French Communist Party issued a statement denying the allegation made by M. Jules Moch.

Old Gang Up To Tricks In Japan

Boston, October 12. The Christian Science Monitor today pointed to the fall of Japan's cabinet as indicating that those elements which made pre-war politics undemocratic continue today.

"It is clear neither able democratic leaders nor a resilient democratic faith can be bred in a country overnight."

The Monitor pointed to the "unsavoury scandal involving several cabinet ministers" as an index that post-war politics fall into a discouragingly familiar pattern.

The paper said: "The four parties in Japan have never been deeply rooted in popular causes or broad ideals. In general, they represented rivalries, moneyed interests or backstage political manoeuvres peculiarly susceptible to opportunism derogating often into corruption."

As a result, the Monitor said, while democratic countries are never free from such influences, Japan developed cynicism which remained even after the war despite American influences.

The Monitor inferred that a long time will be required before this outlook changes. —United Press.

AUSTERITY PLANS FOR PHILIPPINES

Manila, October 13.

The Philippine government's hard hitting new Commerce Secretary, Cornelio Balmaceda, today appeared to be fashioning an austerity programme for the Republic through the stringent use of import controls.

Mr. Balmaceda, who is worried about the Philippines' large adverse balance of trade, is proposing a return of foreign cigarette and cigar imports to a level 20 per cent above the 1940 figure. Previously he had moved for sharp reductions in imports of liquor and films.

The Philippine Government also has cracked down on night clubs, closing approximately 40 in Manila's downtown area.

Tobacco importers vigorously opposed Mr. Balmaceda's move which, if it becomes effective, would cut imports 45 per cent on shipments retroactively from

August 7, 1948, to the end of the year. They contended it would create a black-market in American cigarettes and put them out of business for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Balmaceda said cigarette imports have risen from 4,900,000 units worth US\$8,447,000 in 1940 to 9,192,000 units worth US\$21,161,000 in 1947.

The return to 1940 with a 20 per cent increase to allow for population rise would make a supply available of 4,908,000 units worth US\$8,852,000 for this year. The argument over the quota slash was referred to the Import Control Board. —Associated Press.

Amber Not Obscene

Boston, October 12. The Massachusetts Supreme Court—the highest court in the State—has ruled that Miss Kathleen Winsor's novel of Restoration London, "Forever Amber," is not "obscene, indecent or impure," and does not violate state laws. It upheld a similar decision of Judge Frank J. Donohue in the State Supreme Court, against which the State Government had appealed. —Reuter.

CHRISTIANITY NOT FOR JAPANESE?

Belfast, October 12. In a veiled reference to American policy in Japan, Mr. John S. Rosevear, Speaker of the Australian House of Representatives, said here today that he doubted the wisdom of trying to bring Christianity to the East.

"You can't make Christians of them and I don't think you can make democrats of them and all the time we are in danger of Russia, paganism the West," he said. "Our task is to build up the British Commonwealth and English speaking communities."

Mr. Rosevear was speaking at a reception to delegates of the Empire Parliamentary Association. A party of delegates has been making a four-day tour of Northern Ireland. It includes delegates from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Malta and the West Indies.

Although Walter Jones, the Premier of Prince Edward Island, is on the official list of delegates, it was learned today that he is still in Canada. —Reuter.

BURMA TROOPS TAKE VILLAGES

Rangoon, October 12. A Burmese military communiqué today said that Government troops had recaptured three villages and killed 50 communist-led insurgents in the Henzada district, in the Irrawaddy Delta area.

Other minor clashes in the area were also reported. —Reuter.

BLONDE ACTRESS SUED

Hollywood, October 12. Veronica Lake, the American actress with the long blonde hair, is being sued by her mother, Mrs. Veronica Keane, for \$500 a month support and \$17,140 which, she claims, is owing under a 1943 support agreement.

Miss Lake's husband, Andre De Toth, the film director, is alleged joint defendant in "evading her responsibility toward her mother."

Mrs. Keane, age 47, stated in her claim that she spent her life savings to advance her daughter's career, and that she had undergone three major operations as a result of "worry over Veronica and because of the treatment received from her."

At her home, Miss Lake said she was about to leave for a maternity home for her third child, and had no comment. —Reuter.

War On The Black Market

Paris, October 12. The French Government has declared war on black marketeers and many important arrests have been made, or are about to be made, the Ministry of Justice announced tonight in an official broadcast.

Seven persons, including three men, were arrested yesterday, the Ministry spokesman said. Two others were arrested today on charges of large-scale illegal dealings in butter.

Inquiries were being made into the activities of "an important Paris merchant" suspected of dealing illegally in cheese, the spokesman added. Four petrol racketeers had also been arrested, while in Normandy, "one of the most important cattle dealers" was arrested tonight in connection with the purchase of cattle, the official said.

The penalties for food trafficking were now extremely severe, the speaker said. Two men, convicted of selling black market margarine, had been sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment and a 50,000-franc fine, and two years' imprisonment and a 500,000 francs fine respectively. —Reuter.

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SOVIET ARMAMENTS OFFER

Would Put All Cards On Table Russian Possession Of Atom Bomb Again Hinted By Vyshinsky.

Paris, October 12.

Russia tonight offered to put all her cards on the table by submitting details of her armaments to the United Nations if the Western Powers would accept her plan for a one-third arms cut and an atom bomb ban.

The fiery, white-haired Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, told the Political Committee of the United Nations:

"You want the figures? We can give you the figures."

He said: "If the General Assembly adopts the proposal for the prohibition of the atomic bomb and for the one-third reduction of conventional armaments, then the Soviet Union simultaneously with all the other states will submit information on all armaments in its possession."

"We will give you all this information as soon as it will have a practical effect. If you will accept the proposal to ban atomic weapons, and to reduce arms-

nents by one-third during one year, then we will put our cards on the table every single one of them."

In a voice which at times rose with passion, Mr. Vyshinsky was taking up the challenge of American Mr. Warren Austin, who had called for a plain denial that Russia thought war was "inevitable" and co-operation impossible.

"I repeat it is possible to have co-operation between countries of different ideologies," he said. "Let us vote now. Once you have adopted the decision then we can work out measures to implement it."

Bomb Hint

Russia would accept any and all measures to ensure that the arms cut was made "without any holding."

Mr. Vyshinsky again hinted at Soviet possession of the atom bomb. Once he turned to the British and United States delegates and said: "You have enormous fleets. Even after a one-third reduction you will still have combined fleets many times greater than those of the rest of the world put together."

"You have atom bombs—that little bomb—and that is not just a pound of raisins. You hope the others don't have it—at least that is your dear hope."

Earlier Mr. Vyshinsky remarked: "We don't want co-operation on a basis of dictatorship, under the shadow of a super-weapon. You ought to know that there is a certain amount of danger attaching to these super-weapons. You ought to know that there is a reply to every weapon, gentlemen, to every weapon."

Spending Less?

Russia's arms expenditure had dropped from a wartime peak of 52 per cent of the budget to 17.5 per cent in 1946.

"If we divert our resources to peaceful work then our military expenditure must go down—and it has been going down," he declared.

Winding up a two-hour speech, the Soviet delegate said that he urged the establishment of an international control organ to

enforce prohibition of the atom bomb, the control of atomic energy and the implementation of the Russian disarmament proposals.

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Glorification Of War

Mr. Austin, who detailed what he called "post-war aggrandisement of Soviet territory," asked:

"Does anyone think for a moment that members of the United Nations should disarm while the Soviet Union gives no evidence whatsoever that it is willing to participate in the world community to the extent required for the control of atomic energy and the regulation of armaments?"

He quoted statements by Russian spokesmen and newspapers, making it clear that in the Soviet Union war is not only regarded as inevitable, but is actually glorified by its cultural leaders.

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Anglo-French Talks On Defence

London, October 12.

Air Marshal Sir James Milne Robb, the newly appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Western Union Air Forces, has been promoted to Air Chief Marshal, it was officially announced today.

Caesarean Record

Toledo, Ohio, October 12.

St. Vincent Hospital today announced that a 37-year-old woman had set a world's record by giving birth to her tenth child by Caesarean operation.

The child was born on Saturday to Mrs. William Driver, wife of a city car driver.

Dr. Joseph Moran, resident physician, said a check of medical journals showed that nine children by Caesarean operation was the previous record.

Mrs. Driver's child was a daughter weighing four pounds 10 ounces.—United Press.



"That reminds me to tell somebody to keep his big mouth shut."

SCEPTICISM OVER RED INTENTIONS

Paris, October 12.

The American, British and French representatives in Paris were sceptical today about reports that the Russians were prepared to recommence negotiations for concluding an official peace treaty with Austria.

The reports were given a fresh impetus by the presence in Paris of the Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Karl Gruber. The Austrian Foreign Minister himself was not prepared to commit himself on what the Russians were likely to do.

He told reporters that he was "certain the Western Governments were in principle prepared to resume treaty talks at any time that it became apparent that there might lead to real results."

He had no reason to believe, he said, that the Russians had changed their attitude of supporting the Yugoslav claims to Austrian territory in Carinthia.

"Austria is united in refusing to give up a square yard of her territory," he added.

"That goes for the Austrian Communists also. If the Russians insist on the Yugoslav claims as a prerequisite to treaty talks, then these talks are not likely to mature."

The Austrian Government sent a note to the Russian Government on this subject four months ago but despite repeated inquiries by the Austrian Minister in Moscow, no reply had so far been received, Dr. Gruber said.—Reuter.

majority view which has already appeared in the Commission on Conventional Armaments that no disarmament is possible until an atmosphere of trust and confidence has been attained.

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Massacre Of British Prisoners

Hamburg, October 13.

Angry German officers wanted to fight a duel with one of their company commanders after he had ordered the massacre of British prisoners, a military court was told in Hamburg.

The officer they wanted to fight was Fritz Knoechlein, 37, who pleaded not guilty to a charge of being responsible for the killing of 80 prisoners, mostly of the Royal Norfolk Regiment, at Paradis, Pas de Calais, in May, 1940.

The former adjutant of the accused battalion, Emil Sturzbecher, said the younger officers wanted to issue the challenge "to restore the honour of the regiment."

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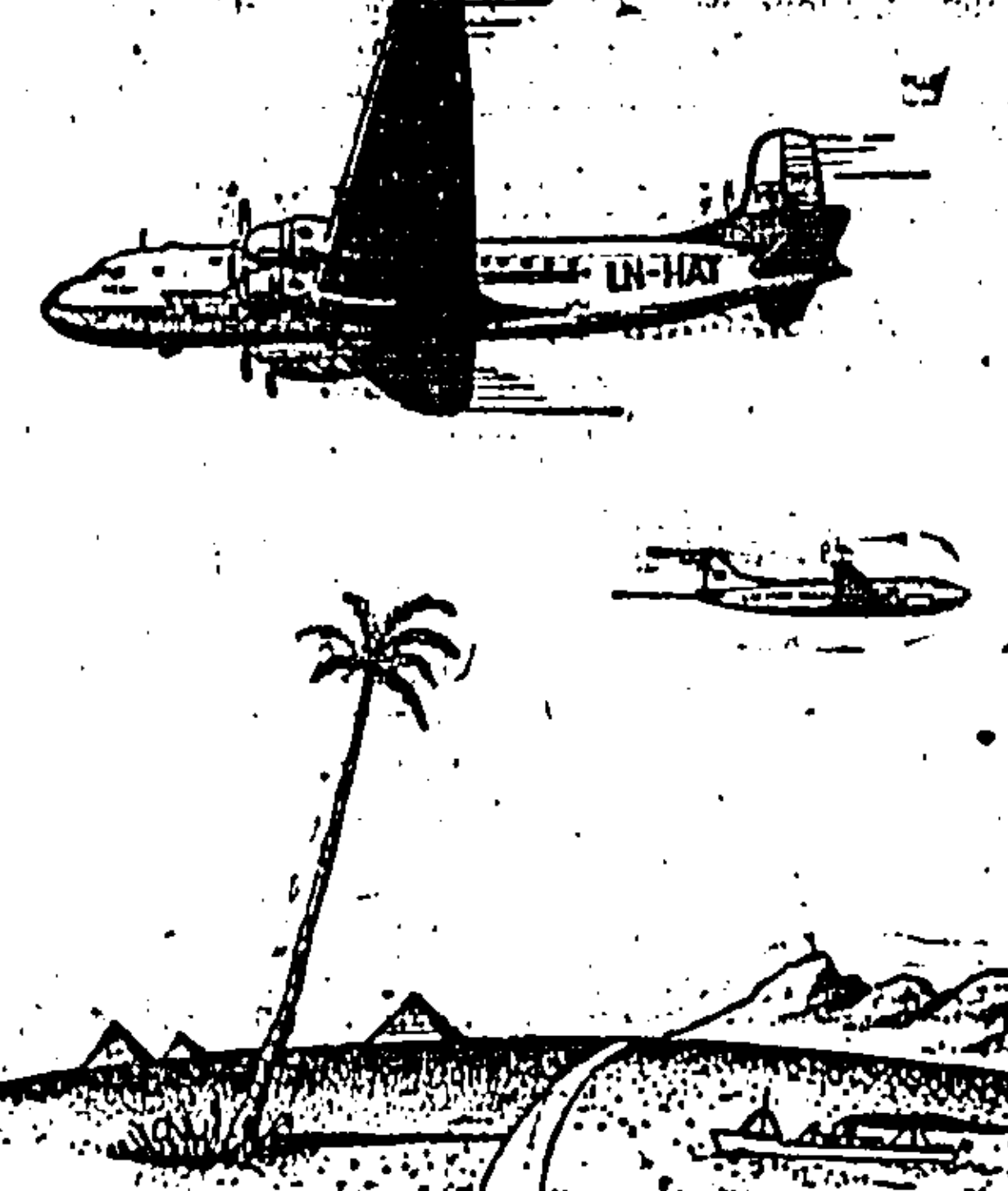
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Vyshinsky's Latest Fantasy

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Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky today charged that Mr. John Foster Dulles' law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell had played a major role in building Hitler's war potential.

Mr. Vyshinsky told the UN Assembly's Political Committee that the United States role in the preparation of Hitler's attack on Russia were "well known."

He said leading American circles helped Hitler establish the war potential of Germany, helped Hitler build bases and "thus helped Hitler's aggression."

He named the law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell as an organization which "played an important part." He specifically reminded the Committee that Mr. Dulles, probably would be U.S. Secretary of State if the Republicans won the election and that Mr. Dulles, a delegate at this UN Assembly, was a member of the law firm.—United Press.

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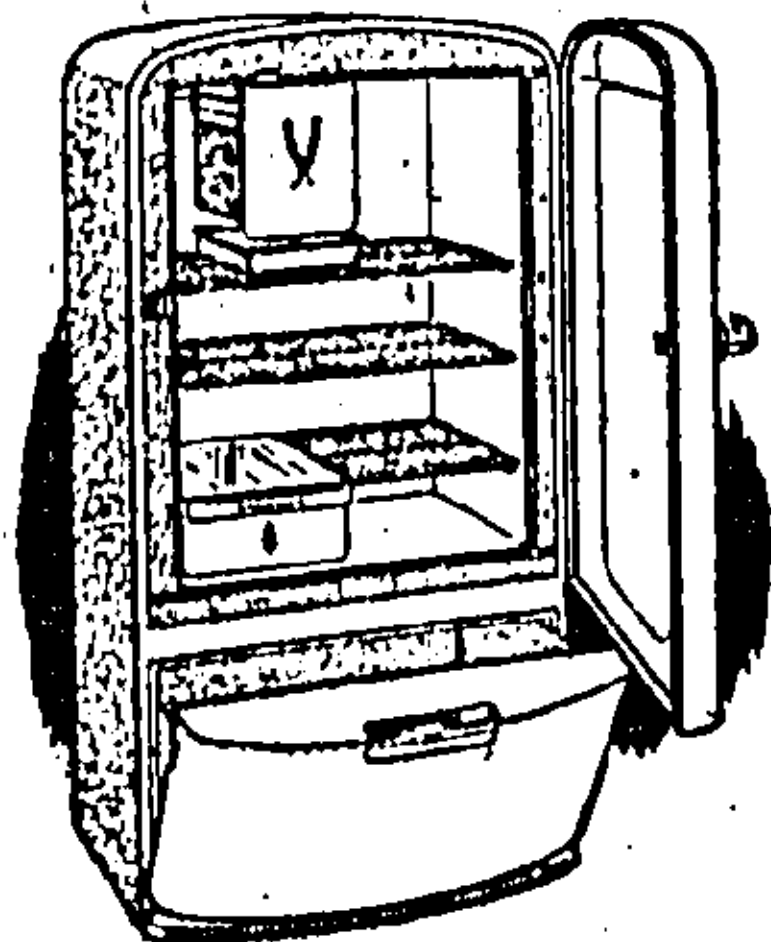


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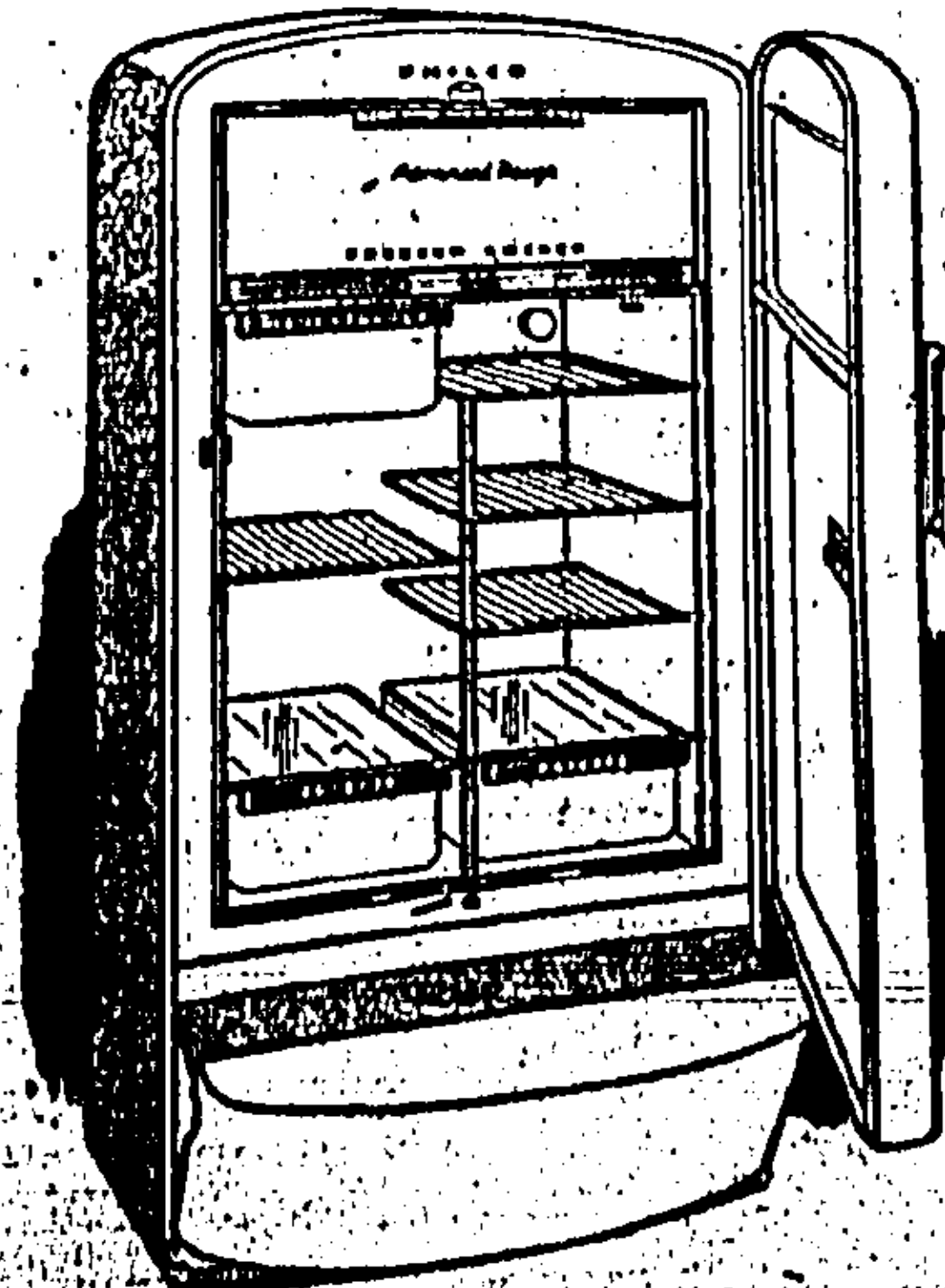
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ENGINEERING PAGE

Welding Aluminium And Alloys By The Electric Arc Process

The technique of welding aluminium by the electric arc process differs from that used in the welding of mild steel, and the following notes have been prepared for the guidance of those interested in the welding of wrought aluminium and aluminium alloy castings. The principal advantages of the metallic arc process for welding aluminium are greater speed of welding and the reduced distortion.

The heat-affected zone immediately adjacent to the weld is highly susceptible to corrosion, and arc welding has the important advantage over gas welding of localising this heat-affected zone to very narrow dimensions.

Many of the difficulties encountered in welding aluminium are due to the inherent properties of the metal. Owing to its higher specific and latent heats, it requires as much heat input per pound to melt as mild steel, although its melting-point is about 800° C. lower. The loss of heat by conduction during welding is also far greater than occurs in steel, and these considerations explain why it is frequently necessary to preheat large objects of aluminium before welding.

Aluminium and its alloys form on their surfaces an adherent oxide film, which prevents the running together of globules of molten metal unless a powerful flux is used during welding. It has been found that the corrosion resistance of aluminium is adversely affected by impurities, particularly silicon and iron. For these reasons, pure sheet aluminium is still used in the manufacture of vessels for the processing of food and chemicals in spite of the development of numerous aluminium alloys. The welding of some of these alloys presents obstacles due to their dependence for their final properties upon heat-treatment and, in many cases, upon the effect of forging for producing refinement of the crystal structure and even distribution of the constituents.

On the other hand, many of the non-heat-treatable alloys used in the form of castings such as crankcases, radiators or other parts in the motor-car and aero-plane industries can be welded satisfactorily. These cast parts, however, are rarely fabricated from separate castings, and welding on them is usually undertaken to repair breakages.

In welding sections of different thicknesses, there is a tendency for the thinner material to melt away too rapidly unless the edge of the thicker section is gradually reduced in thickness, as illustrated.

In repair work on castings, the crack is usually bevelled to give an included angle of 60-90°, and it is advisable to drill a hole about 1/8 in. diameter just beyond the end of the fracture to prevent any further extension of the crack. Occasionally it is advantageous to replace a number of small fractured pieces with a patch of wrought material.

An general rule, heavy wrought material should be preheated to 100-200° C., and castings from 80-200° C., depending on the complexity of the casting.

The presence of grease on the surface to be welded is objectionable, and any dirt or oil should be thoroughly removed. Owing to the fluid character of aluminium and its alloys, it is frequently necessary to use a grooved backing strip, to prevent the weld metal from running through. This backing material may be steel, copper or asbestos. For the same reason, arc welding of aluminium is largely confined to downward welding.

Wrought Material
Details of the preparation of rolled sheets are given in the table, from which it will be noted that fillet welds are particularly omitted. Fillet welds are liable to cause an entrapment of flux.

Electrodes
To cover these applications, two electrodes are available: (1) "ALUMINIUM-SILICON" ELECTRODE which deposits an alloy containing approximately

3% silicon. This electrode is ideally suited to the repair of broken castings, even though the casting may not be of the aluminium-silicon type.

(2) "PURE ALUMINIUM" ELECTRODE.
The core wire in this electrode consists of aluminium of 99.5% minimum purity, and its main use is in the welding of pure aluminium vessels.

More care is necessary in the preparation of welds on aluminium than for many other metals, and it has been found that one of the causes of porosity in welds is the presence of a film of moisture on the surface of the metal to be welded. This can be removed by heating to about 200° C. before welding or by scrubbing.

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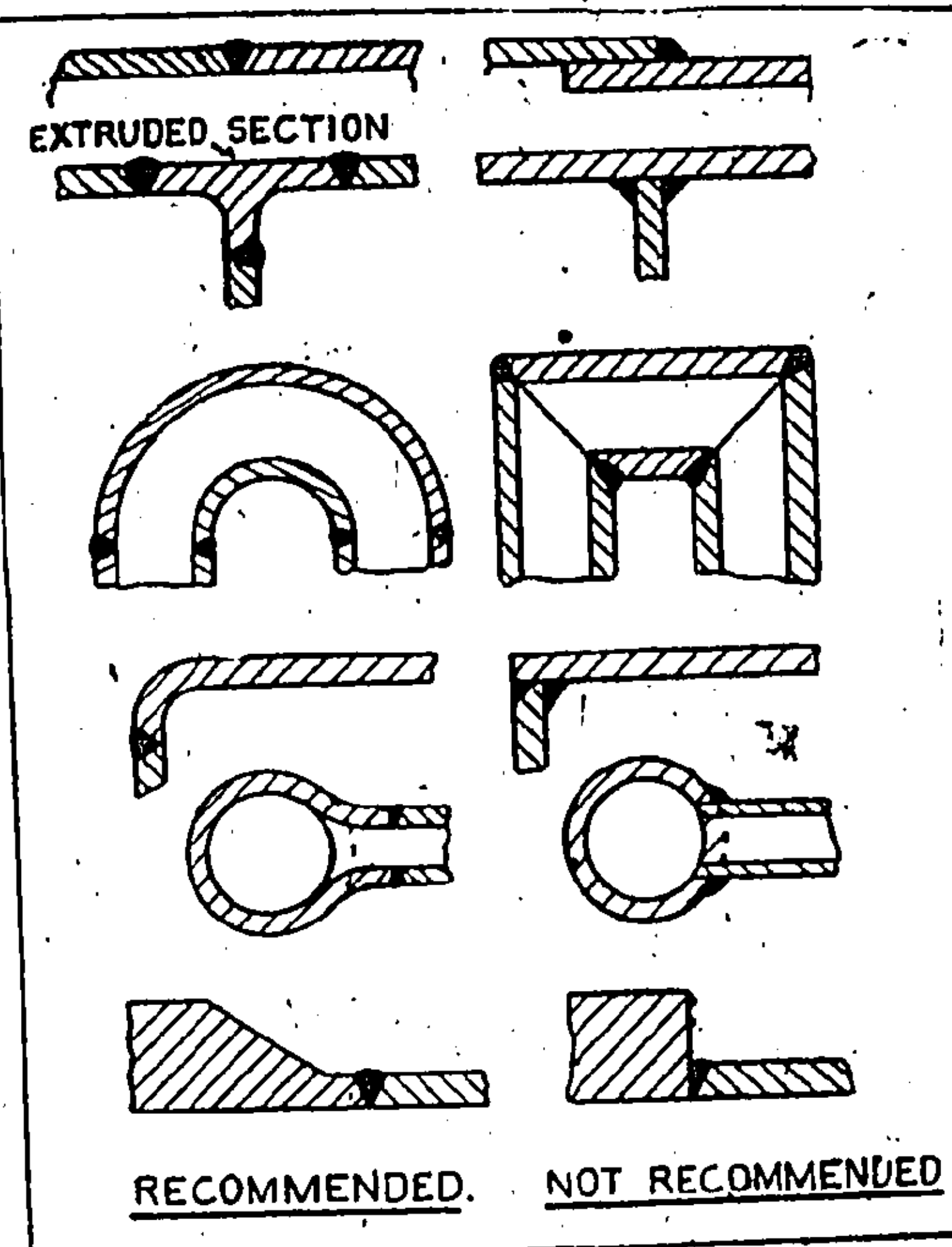
Additional preheating can be dispensed with if aero engine castings are welded immediately after removal from a trichlorethylene degreasing bath at 80° C. On the other hand, localised arc welding is frequently successful without preheating, provided higher currents than those stated in the table are used for the early runs. Typical values are 130, 170 and 200 amps. for Nos. 10, 8 and 6 gauge electrodes respectively. As would be expected,

the amount of spatter is increased when such high current values are used, and normal currents should be used as soon as the flow of weld metal permits.

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The rights and wrongs of welding aluminium.

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Additional preheating can be dispensed with if aero engine castings are welded immediately after removal from a trichlorethylene degreasing bath at 80° C. On the other hand, localised arc welding is frequently successful without preheating, provided higher currents than those stated in the table are used for the early runs. Typical values are 130, 170 and 200 amps. for Nos. 10, 8 and 6 gauge electrodes respectively. As would be expected,

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casting away and to build up a solid base which is redrilled. Owing to the interaction of dissimilar alloys, a slight amount of porosity is sometimes found at the weld junction on castings, and where a sound surface is required after machining the fault in the casting should be chipped out to ensure the junction being below the level of the finished surface. Porosity is also liable to occur on superimposed runs if the slag is not completely cleaned off the preceding bead.

For first runs the arc should be struck about one inch in from the commencement of the seam and returned to the starting point before proceeding normally along the seam.

Cleaning
Effective fluxes for welding aluminium are necessarily corrosive. Consequently, the slag should be completely removed from the welded article without delay by immersion in boiling water combined with vigorous brushing of the seam. Several washings arranged on a counter-flow principle are more effective than a single immersion. Occasionally, some alloys are immersed in cold five per cent nitric acid solution followed by further washing.

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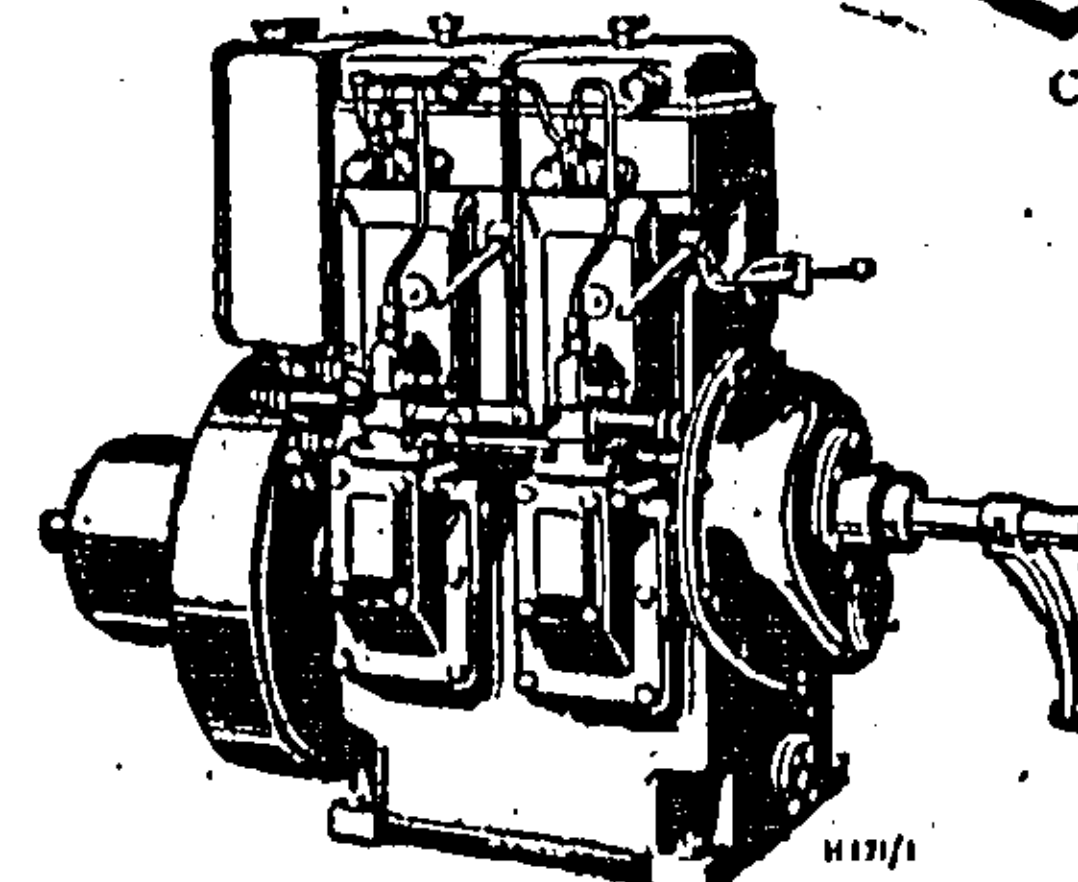
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Electronic Eye On The Stars

BY MICHAEL GRANT

The British Telecommunication Research Establishment has developed an electronic device by which even the largest telescope, once focused on a special star, will automatically follow its movements. Because of the daily rotation of the Earth a telescope, viewing a particular star, has to be moved continuously to follow this rotation; in fact the telescope is held steady relative to the Earth's movement. So far, the clockwork mechanism has been used to train the telescope, the astronomer applying small manual corrections as necessary to allow for any inaccuracy in the clock. The astronomer has had to be on the alert for another reason too. The image of a star formed by a large telescope has small and erratic motions not only because of the rotation of the Earth but also because of the variations in the refraction of the atmosphere which result in a blurring of the photographic image. The new electronic device makes the telescope follow automatically all movement, including the random motion due to refraction, of the star image—since the response of electronic devices is instantaneous.

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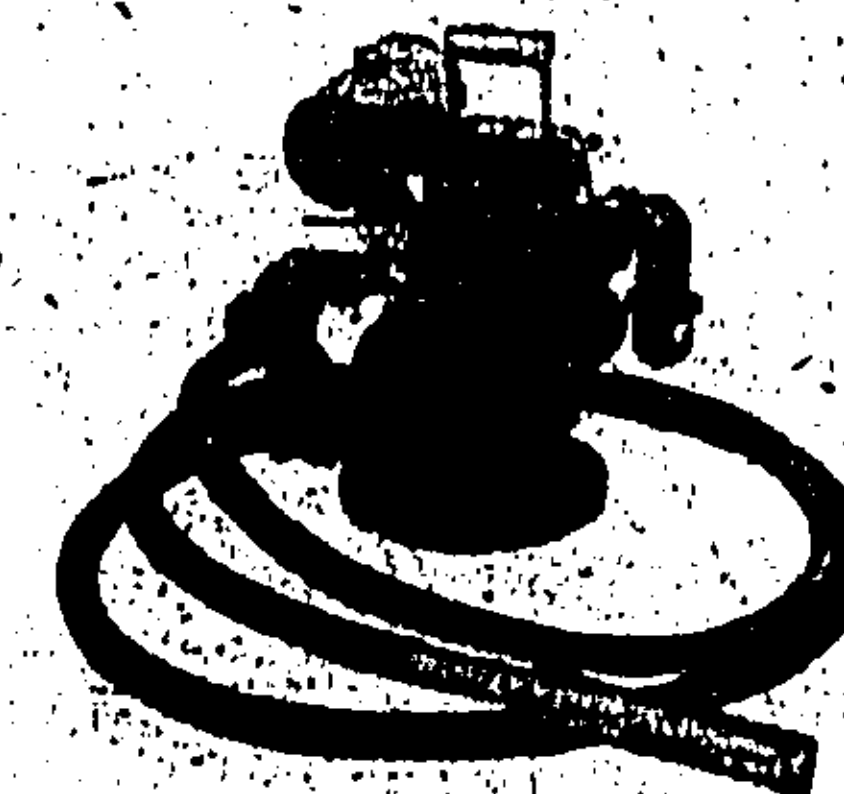
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RUSSIA TO SET UP AN EASTERN UNION

Prague, October 12.

Reliable sources said today that Russia has decided to sponsor an Eastern Union to offset Western Europe's Western Union.

The decision to form a Federation of Eastern Europe's "People's Democracies" was taken at a conference of top Eastern political leaders in the Crimea last month.

The Federation would include Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania.

Beaverbrook For Moscow

Melbourne, October 12. Mr. Robert Elliott, war-time assistant to Lord Beaverbrook, the Canadian born newspaper magnate, suggested today through his group of Australian newspapers that Lord Beaverbrook be sent to Moscow "to clear up issues direct with Stalin."

Elliott, as personal assistant to the Minister of Aircraft Production, went to Moscow with Lord Beaverbrook in 1941.

His newspaper said today that the British newspaper owner had "literally fascinated the Russian leader and achieved a brilliant success with Stalin when no one else could have accomplished it."

It was learned today that the suggestion for a Beaverbrook mission has already been brought to the attention, informally, of Dr. Herbert Ewell, the Australian Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

BRITAIN SAYS "THANK YOU"

London, October 12.

Mr. John Strachey, the Minister of Food, today opened a "Britain says thank you" exhibition for food gifts from overseas.

It was announced at the opening ceremony that from December 1945 to March 1946 gift food parcels totalling over 100,000,000 lbs. weight had been received from donors in Australia, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, the Colonies, the United States and elsewhere.

Since 1946 more than 50,000,000 parcels had reached Britain. The exhibition illustrates in photographs how 70 per cent of the food received in bulk goes to aged and needy people through the agency of local authorities and how the rest is distributed to hospitals, old peoples' homes and schools.

Mr. Strachey said the exhibition had been arranged to coincide with the visit to London of the Dominion Prime Ministers, as a collective expression of the thanks to donors all over the world.—Reuter.

POLITICS A MENACE TO PRESS FREEDOM

London, October 12.

A. P. Wadsworth, editor of the Manchester Guardian, today warned a meeting of editors of the dangers of political interference in the freedom of the press.

Mr. Wadsworth told the Liberal International Conference of Foreign Liberal Editors that he did not rate political interference high in Britain, "but unhappily it is true that newspapers are at the mercy of State decisions for their very means of existence."

He noted that freedom of the press was now a subject before the United Nations and said, "I am not sure that some of our Western governments have not gone much too far, for the sake of agreement, to meet opponents of press freedom."

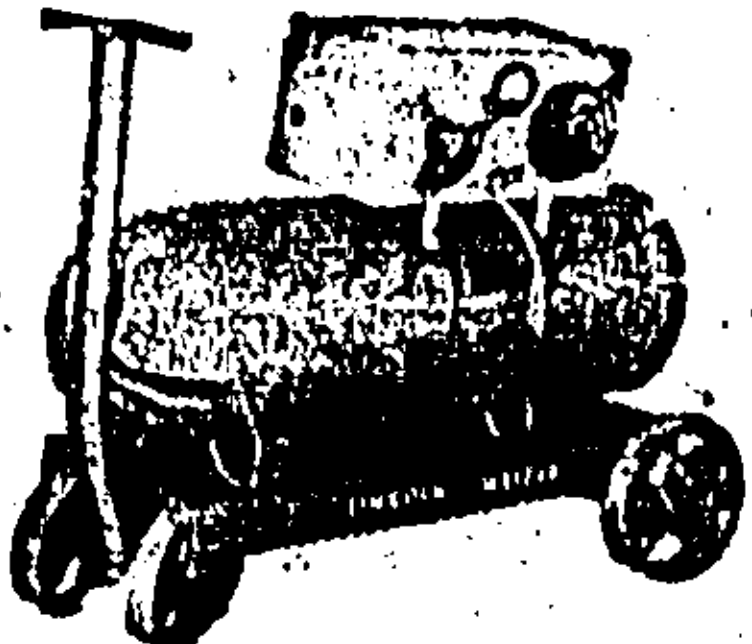
"On this we may help, for a study of the way things have gone, for instance, in Czechoslovakia, shows how little its freedom has been compromised. Concessions have not been reciprocated."

He told editors to consider the "terrible problems" that had arisen through press suppression behind the iron curtain and the exile of liberals from oppressed countries. "We shall be the first to go down if the black night of totalitarianism descends on us," he said.

At the conference were editors from Denmark, Greece, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and Belgium.—United Press.

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ENORMOUS COST OF BRABAZON

Bristol, October 12.

The latest all-in cost of the giant Brabazon air liner, including the £6,000,000 hangar and runway was quoted as £12,000,000 by Mr. George L. Strauss, the Minister of Supply, when he inspected it at Bristol today.

Asked by newspapermen if he felt that the "enormous cost" of the aircraft and the delays of its flight were justified, he said: "Personally, I am quite satisfied. Delays are inevitable in a project of this kind. I am convinced that this plane will be a success."

"I believe that the money spent on it and the labour and resources put into it will be fully justified. When the job is finished I think everyone will refer to this venture as an example of the imagination and skill and enterprise of the British aircraft industry."

He thought that the Brabazon would take the air "very early next year", adding: "This is a test to see whether aeroplanes of this kind are winners and if we find they are we shall not doubt embark on other big projects. This is not merely a prestige venture."

Although Brabazon I was merely experimental, it was hoped that Brabazon II the start on production of which had already begun—would go into service.

The chief designer said that although the structure weighed 20,000 lbs. recently, it was within 30 lbs. of the weight estimated two years ago. There was no reason why the Brabazon should be more unwieldy in the air than smaller aircraft, he said.—Reuter.

Now Up To Mother's Family

Capetown, October 12.

Vice-Admiral Edward McCarthy, Commander-in-Chief, British South Atlantic Station, said that the time had come for South Africa to play a greater part in the Commonwealth's naval defence.

Britain could no longer afford to maintain the same forces as she used to and it was now up to the "Mother Country's family" to accept greater responsibilities for protecting trade on the high seas.

He thought that, in the course of time, Simonstown naval station should be taken over entirely by the South African Navy. Despite the introduction of new weapons and the development of the atomic bomb, the Navy still had a very important function, he said.

In the future, the protection of trade would be a combined job for the Navy and Air Force.—Reuter.

TANK EXPLOSION

Sunderland, October 13.

Eleven men were injured yesterday in the explosion of a damaged tank they were repairing aboard the 8,400 ton tanker British Venture building here.

Seven were reported in poor condition last night.

The shipbuilders, Joseph L. Thompson and Sons, said the cause of the blast had not been established.—Associated Press.

One-Man Air Force In Jail

Singapore, October 12.

The Indonesian Information Service said today that Bobby Freeberg, of Parsons, Kansas, Indonesia's "one man air force," is being held in a Dutch jail in Batavia.

The report said that Freeberg, who was reported missing on October 1 while flying between Republican Java and Sumatra, was forced down by six Dutch fighters at Palembang, Dutch base in South Sumatra.

The Service said Freeberg then was arrested and taken to Batavia, where his plane, an Indonesian-registered C-47, was confiscated.—Associated Press.

White Isle In A Yellow Sea

Canberra, October 12.

Mr. William M. Hughes, Australian Prime Minister in World War I, said in the House of Representatives today that Australia "remains a white island in a yellow sea."

"The United Nations," he declared, "will not continue to tolerate a white Australian policy unless the population is greatly increased."

Mr. Hughes, who is 84, recalled that at the 1919 peace conference he insisted on the retention of a white Australia on the understanding that Australia's European population rose.

Japan, he said, had a population of 400 to the square mile.

Could world opinion tolerate an Australian population of only four to the square mile?

Mr. Arthur Calwell, Australian Minister for Immigration, announced today that the total number of new settlers in Australia in the first six months of this year was 26,700.

Of these 18,000 or 68 per cent were British subjects. Among the remainder were 1,000 Latvians, 1,000 Poles, 900 Americans, 800 Lithuanians, nearly 1,000 Greeks, 600 Italians and 200 Germans.

The figures, the Minister claimed, refuted a suggestion that Australia's immigration policy was resulting in an influx of foreigners.—Reuter.

PROSTITUTION ON THE INCREASE

Bangkok, October 13.

Prostitution is on the increase in Bangkok, where 500 prostitutes are licensed by the police.

At least that many more solicit without licenses, says Colonel Luang Bhisit Vidya-kara, chief of the city Criminal Investigation Division (CID).

Most of them are Siamese or Chinese, he said. The Chinese come from Canton, Hong Kong and Shanghai. The total number, said Luang Bhisit, is "slightly up" from last year and "much increased since the Japanese occupation."

To get a prostitution license, the woman must be more than 15 years old. She must be adopting the "oldest profession" willingly—"without inducement or threats from others"—must be "healthy and free from venereal disease."

The license-good for three months—cost 12 bahts. Operators of licensed houses....there are

Conferences On German Industry

London, October 12.

Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, the Marshall Plan Administrator, arrived here tonight by air from Paris with Mr. Averell Harriman, the Marshall Plan special representative, and Mr. Lewis Douglas, the American Ambassador in London.

Mr. Hoffman reached Paris from Washington last night in company with Mr. George Marshall, the American Secretary of State. Mr. Hoffman, it was officially announced, will see Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, tomorrow morning for talks on the European Recovery Programme.

Mr. Hoffman had an hour's talk this afternoon with the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, on German reparations and the dismantling of German factories.

In London, he is expected to discuss similar questions with Mr. Bevin. Mr. Hoffman will return to Paris on Wednesday to preside over a conference of the European Co-operation Administration chiefs. He will then visit several ECA countries to study programmes there.

It is understood here that Mr. Hoffman has modified his original proposal for sending a commission to Germany for three months to study the reparations and dismantling questions and has substituted a suggestion for a short visit by a small group of experts.

Britain and France, it is further understood, are prepared on their side for the retention in Germany of several selected factories which, in their opinion, could really be valuable for European recovery during the period covered by the Marshall Plan.

They have, however, strongly maintained their objection to suspending the agreed programme of dismantling, which they consider would be tantamount to abandoning the whole reparations scheme on which an agreement was so laboriously reached.

A Reuter report from Frankfurt tonight said the German authorities of the Bizone hope to discuss directly with Mr. Hoffman an alternative to the dismantling of German industrial plant. They propose that deliveries of newly produced machinery should take the place of dismantled factories as war reparations.—Reuter.

"Shameful" Racial Practices

Paris, October 12.

The Russian delegate on the United Nations Social Committee today said "dirty and shameful" racial practices existed in the United States, South Africa and the British Colonies.

The Soviet's Alexei P. Pavlov said, during a debate on the Human Rights declaration, that the United States forbade negroes to travel in the same railway carriages as whites. This would be punished in Russia as a "crime," he added.

In South Africa, he continued, 70 laws discriminated against the coloured population. Negroes in British Colonies were also mistreated, he charged.

South Africa's Charles De Waver asked the chairman to ban such words as "dirty" and "shameful" in debate. The chairman, Mr. Charles Malik of the Lebanon, said there were no rules of procedure qualifying permissible expressions.—United Press.

Human Freedom Threatened

New York, October 12.

General Dwight Eisenhower declared today that "human freedom is today threatened by regimented statism. The threat is infinitely more than that involved in opposing ideologies."

General Eisenhower, who was delivering his inaugural address as President of Columbia University, continued: "In today's struggle no free man can be neutral. All must be included."

The principle danger of government control of property was not "the historic inefficiency of government management of productive enterprises, but the fact that the final concentration of ownership in the hands of the government gives it absolute power over our lives."

The inauguration ceremony was the first of its kind since the late Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler's installation in 1902.—Reuter.

CAF OFFICERS EXECUTED

Shanghai, October 13.

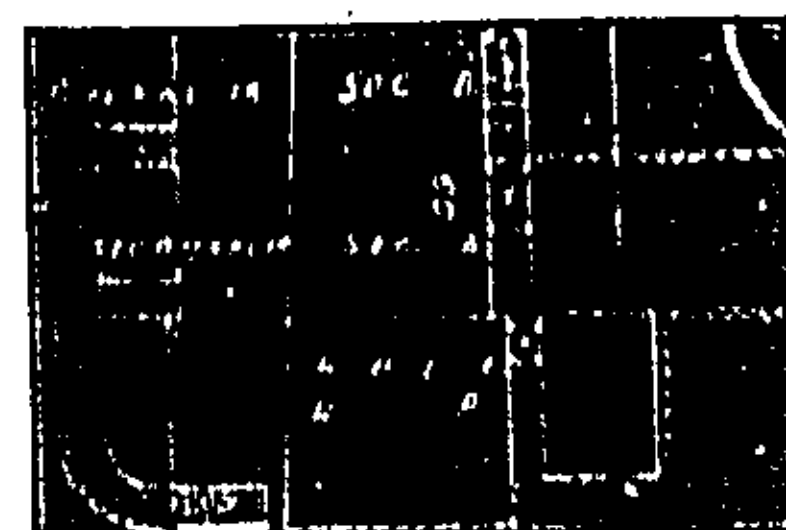
Two Chinese Air Force officers of G-2 (intelligence) were executed here yesterday afternoon for having transmitted commercial messages over CAF radio stations to make personal profit and disturb the national economy.

The officers were Major Yui Ming and Lance Corporal Shao Tsen. They were sentenced to death by a court martial early this year.—Reuter.

US MILITARY AID TO CHINA

Washington, October 12.

American military aid to China in the last six months amounted to \$88,275,170, according to an interim report issued by the State Department.—Reuter.



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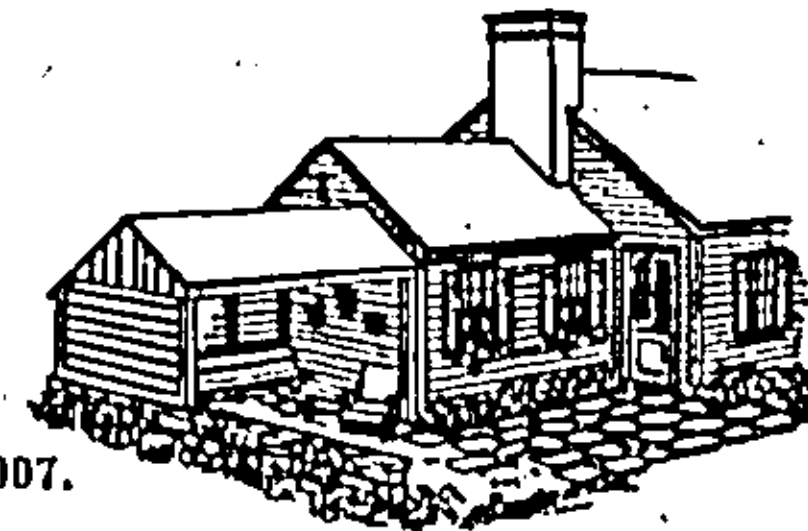
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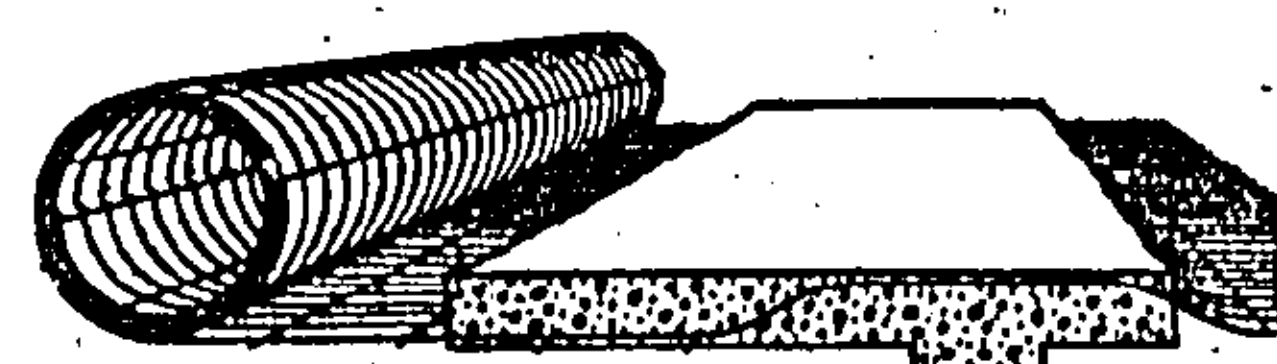
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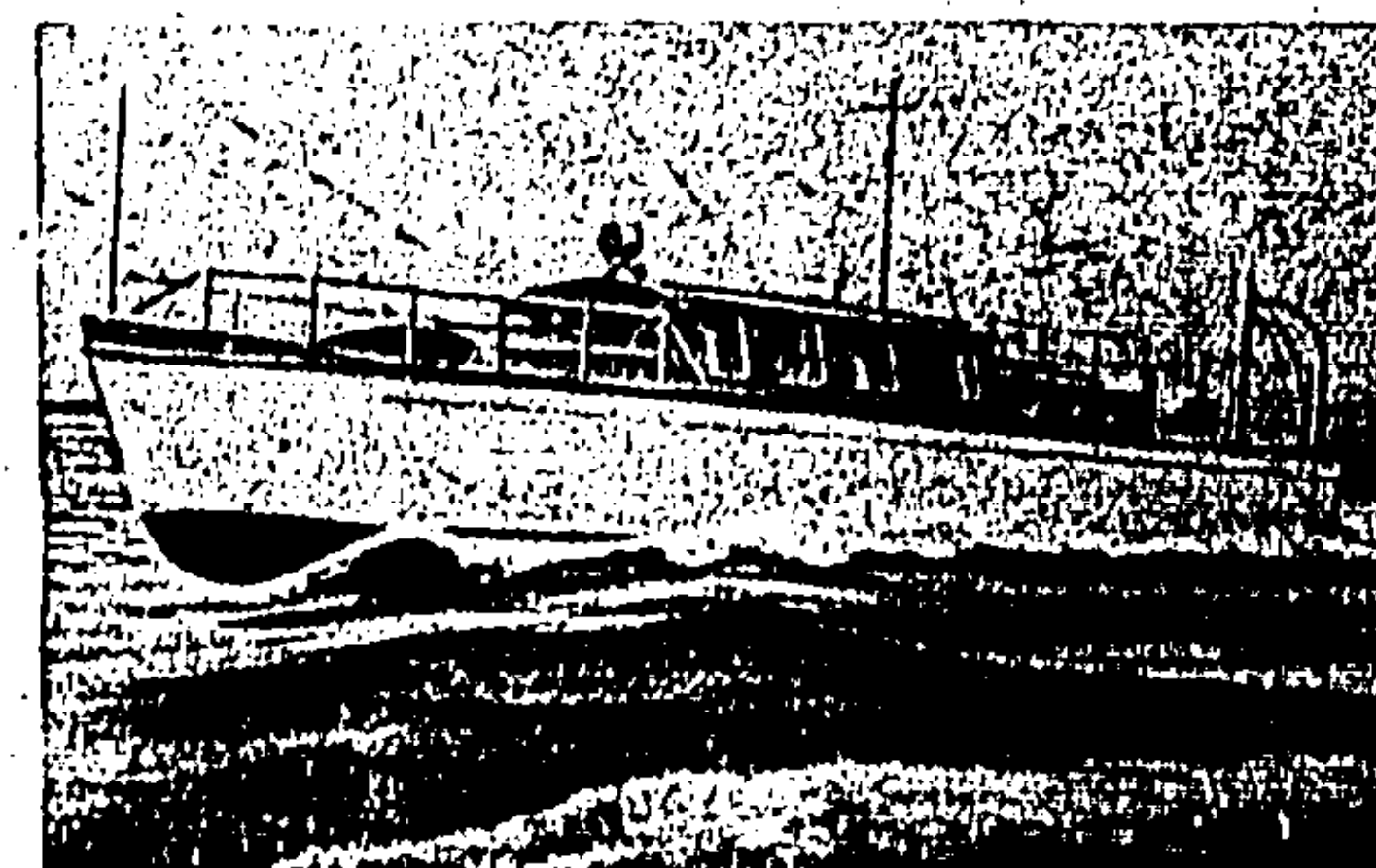
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Mussolini Shook In Fear, Says Graziani

Rome, October 12.
Ex-Marshal Rodolfo Graziani testified today that Mussolini, even at his supreme hour of triumph after the Ethiopian war, was "shaking with fear."

In the second day of his trial for Fascist collaboration, Graziani declared. "It was not true that the Ethiopian conquest was completed."

"On the day Addis Ababa was occupied, May 5, 1936, revolt was continuing all over. Mussolini was shaking with fear in Rome that the Ethiopians would reconquer Addis Ababa. The Italian people were never informed about that and thought all was well."

Graziani spoke in his own defence for 4½ hours before the Court adjourned. He cited documents to prove Mussolini ordered him to use poison gas against Ethiopian rebels long after the conquest was proclaimed. He said Mussolini also approved "the use of a policy of terror and the extermination and execution of ten Ethiopians for every Italian killed."

Thus the ex-Marshal tried to prove "I merely followed my orders" in the massacre of Ethiopians and natives of Cyrenaica from 1931 to 1937. He said he would call Marshal Pietro Badoglio—his superior officer at the time—to prove it.

Vatican Witness
Graziani's lawyers disclosed that Monsignor Giovanni Battista Montini, Vatican Under-Secretary of State, would be called as a defence witness.

Near the end of Graziani's speech, a spectator shouted: "Long live Graziani!" Graziani glared angrily and his counsel shouted at the spectator, "You do not realise the damage you are doing for Graziani!"

The police led out a dozen spectators, including a former officer of Graziani's African Army. The officer waved as he departed.

Standing erect in the defendant's box, and putting on and taking off his horn-rimmed glasses, Graziani read extensively from his diary to refute charges against him.

Defiantly he shouted at the court that he "would involve in the trial all, both high and low," and he often mentioned the name of Badoglio.

Left In Lurch
The presiding judge warned him about his speech several times and once brought him back to the subject matter when the

Arctic Flier Recalled

Washington, October 12.
Colonel Bertil Balchen, the Norwegian-born veteran of Arctic aerial explorations, has been recalled to active duty with the air force, the United States Army Air Forces announced today.

The Air Force did not disclose how Balchen's vast knowledge of the strategically important Arctic area would be used. It said only that he was being assigned temporarily to the Bellinghuse base here.

Colonel Balchen came to Washington last week from Europe where he has been Managing Director of the Norwegian branch of the Scandinavian Airline system.—Reuter.

STEEL KING DEAD

Sheffield, October 13.
Sir Peter Boswell, outstanding figure in Britain's steel industry, died in Sheffield yesterday aged 82.

For 57 years he was connected with the important steel company of Hadfields Ltd.—Associated Press.

MAILS FOR H.K.

London, October 13.
Britons were warned yesterday that they must post surface letters and parcels by October 15 to reach their friends in the British Commonwealth Force in Japan, and Hong Kong, by Christmas.—Associated Press.

Working To Stop War

Washington, October 12.
Lt-Gen Albert Wedemeyer, the Army General Staff planning chief, said today that Army expansion was designed to prevent war and not to get ready for war.

He spoke on a television broadcast on the subject, "How Near is America to War?"

He did not answer the basic question of his radio interview, but he did say the Army was working to prevent war by strengthening America's hand in its bid for peace and security. He said there was no truth in criticism that the Army was dictating American foreign policy.

"The American people, not the Army, shape America's foreign policy. Our national policies are determined by Congress, the President and the State Department."

He said proof of this could be found in how quickly a correction in foreign policy resulted when the people did not favour a particular policy adopted by the administration. "The only thing the Army has to do with policy is to insure we can support and back up our policies at home and abroad and nothing more. That is true of all the armed forces."—United Press.

Belchem Named Chief of Staff

London, October 12.
The War Office today announced the appointment of Brigadier R.F.K. Belchem as Chief of Staff to the Chairman of the Western Union Commanders-in-Chief in Committee.

He will have the temporary rank of Major-General.

Brigadier Belchem, who is 37, is qualified interpreter in Russian, Italian and French. Until recently in charge of operations and training in the British Army on the Rhine, he had a distinguished career in World War II. He served from 1936 until 1939 after which he served in Palestine and Egypt.—Reuter.

CEYLON PREMIER AT PALACE

London, October 12.
Prime Minister D. S. Senanayake of Ceylon was received by King George at Buckingham Palace today. Senanayake is here for the Empire Prime Ministers conference.

The King also received Lieutenant General Sir Archibald Nye, new British High Commissioner in India.—Associated Press.

Big Blaze In Sourabaya

Batavia, October 12.
The entire Dutch naval base at Sourabaya, Indonesia, was mobilised on Monday to fight a fire threatening installations.

The blaze, which started when a spark from a locomotive set fire to dry grass, caused nearly £500,000 damage and gutted food and naval stores in an area nearly half a mile square before it was brought under control. A Dutch Navy communiqué said.—Associated Press.

SON SUES FATHER

Capetown, October 13.
A well-known South African industrialist was sued by his son in the Supreme Court today for shares valued at £117,000.

Joseph Maubelberger, Jr., an only son, told the court that his father had brought "undue pressure" on him to sign certain documents following a statement by his father that he "would reduce him to the gutter" and "have him declared insane."

The son alleged that his father had promised to give him £100 a month for life and £10,000 to be invested in a business if he signed documents.

He alleged that after being assaulted by his father he signed the documents which he is now asking the court to cancel.—Associated Press.

BUSINESSMEN TO TOUR AUSTRALIA

Singapore, October 13.
Fourteen Malayan Chinese businessmen and industrialists will tour Formosa with the Overseas Chinese Inspection Mission.

Six are from the Federation of Malaya and eight from Singapore. The invitation was extended by the Overseas Chinese Association in Nanking. Other representatives will go from Indochina, Burma, Siam, the Philippines and Indonesia.

They will arrive in Formosa on November 12 and expect to spend most of their time studying the sugar industry.—Associated Press.

PITCHED BATTLES IN ITALIAN CHAMBER

Rome, October 12.
The session of the Italian Chamber of Deputies was suspended this afternoon when Communist and Neo-Fascist deputies of the Italian Social Movement fought a pitched battle on the floor of the Chamber.

The deputies, kicking, punching and yelling, struggled in the aisles of the Chamber as the Speaker—Signor Giovanni Gronchi, a Christian Democrat—rang the electric alarm bells to clear the Hall.

The fight began when the Communist leader, Signor Palmiro Togliatti, speaking in a debate on the Ministry of the Interior, referred to the north Italian province of Emilia, known as the "triangle of death" because of the number of people killed there after the war.

Many agricultural workers have attempted to "squat" on farmland in the Emilia province, and police were called to some places earlier this year to keep order.

Signor Togliatti declared: "It is a good thing that these traitors to the Italian people were killed." At this remark, the leader of the Italian Social Movement, Signor Giorgio Almirante, shouted at the Communists: "Assassins!"

A number of Communists immediately hurled themselves at Social Movement deputies, while other Communists formed a bodyguard about Signor Togliatti.

Black Eyes

Amid the clamour of the fighting deputies, others eventually managed to restore order and the Chamber was cleared. No one was seriously hurt, but a number of deputies acquired black eyes and bloody noses.

All moveable inkwells in the Chamber had been replaced with new ones sunk into the desks after the last scuffle there.

The session was resumed after half an hour. The Speaker warned Signor Almirante that the use of such words as "assassins" could bring expulsion from the Chamber.

Signor Almirante replied that he was not referring to Italian parties, but only to "those persons responsible for the killings after the end of the war."

"No War" Trygve Lie

Paris, October 12.
Mr. Trygve Lie, the United Nations Secretary-General, said today that he was convinced there would be no war "within the foreseeable future."

"It is always possible in theory for great powers to stumble into a conflict which would lead to a third world war," he said in a written reply to a United States newspaper.

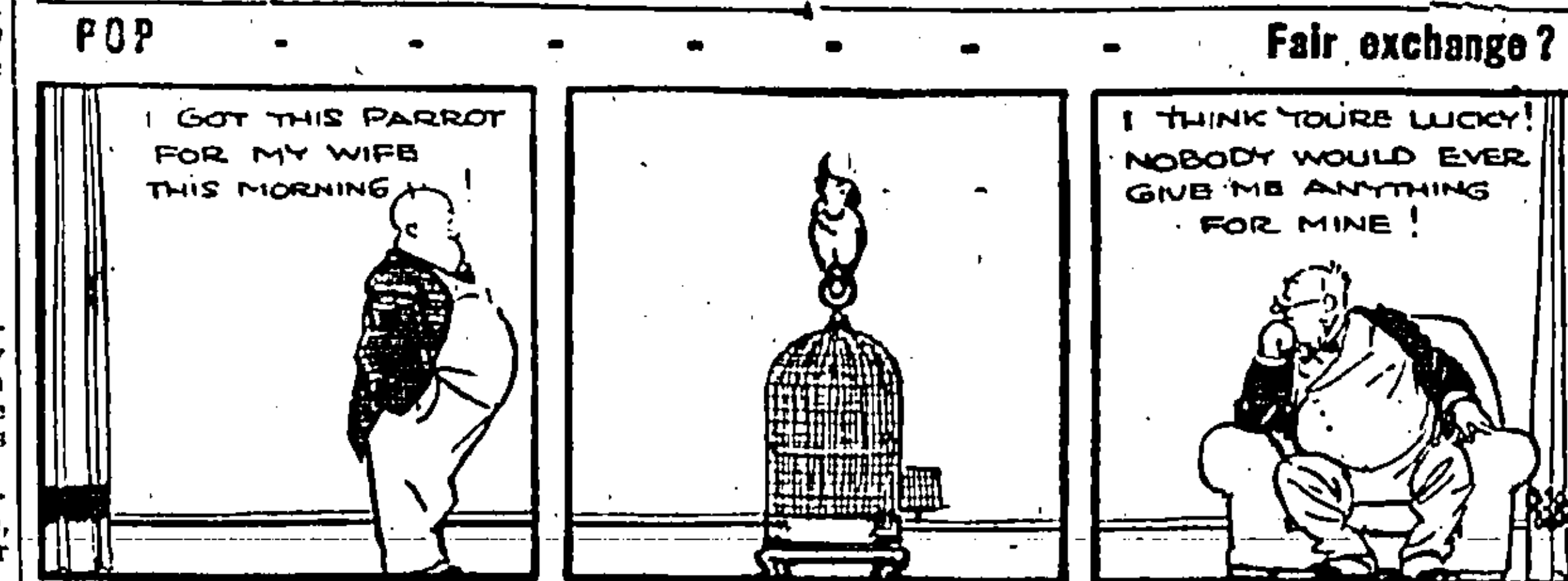
"If the peoples of the world exhibit a modicum of good sense and exercise their most elementary instincts of self preservation it will never happen."

He had been asked: "How great is the danger of another world war and how can it best be prevented?"

"My optimism regarding the immediate future is based on my conviction that no responsible statesman today wants a war and that all those who are in positions of responsibility will do everything to avert it."

"The one permanent protection which we have against another world war, not only now but at any time in the future, is the free open democratic assembly of the nations which we possess today in the United Nations."

"As long as the nations of the world remain banded together in the United Nations, loyal to the principles of the charter, there is no power or group of powers which will dare to defy their common will."—Reuter.



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FEAR PREVENTS AGREEMENT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST

Paris, October 12.

Fear of Communism, fear of Russia, fear of war—
those dominate the thoughts of all Western
statesmen.

Fear of the atom bomb, fear that America seeks
complete mastery of the world, fear of America
plotting an atomic war to halt Communism—
those are what Soviet diplomats claim worry
them.

About the only certainty left in international
relations today is that fear—justified or unjusti-
fied—dominates them.

The cold war is based on
fear. The United States for
days heard little except expres-
sions of fear. The foreign
offices of the world are obsessed
with fear. Even the little men
in bars and bistros are scared
to death that fate will decree
another war.

Against this background, who
is winning the cold war. The
East or West? Each side thinks
it is and thinks time is on its side.

But among the world's leading
statesmen there are many varied
answers. No one is certain.

Everyone appears eventually to
conclude that the greatest dan-
ger may be fear of war—a fear
that obstructs the constructive
work of mankind, work that
could be a major factor in pre-
venting another war.

Amidst this uncertainty is the
overall general opinion that the
cold war is still cold, that with
defeat, handling, patience and the
absence of blunders it can be
kept cold at least for the foresee-
able short future.

Thin Thread

There also is general agree-
ment that neither side wants
war. But again fear and un-
certainty creep in.

The West fears that Russia,
swinging its objectives short of
war, will, with its heavy hand, so
provoke the West that war may
result. Or there is the fear that
an unfortunate series of incidents
will so exasperate public opinion
in the West as to destroy the
thin thread which keeps both
sides engaged now only in cold
war.

Russia can control public opin-
ion. The West cannot.
The Russians have failed to
consolidate their strong footholds
in such Western nations as France
and Italy. They are having seri-
ous trouble behind the Iron Cur-
tain in Yugoslavia. They rule
Eastern Europe with an iron hand
but by stripping her have created
serious economic problems.

They rejected the Marshall
Plan when the best way to wreck
it would have been to join it.
They under-estimated the deter-
mination of the West to stay in
Berlin. They need outside econo-
mic aid and cannot get it.

West Handicapped

On the other hand, the West
failed to unite economically,
politically and militarily quickly
as may be necessary if the cold
war is to be won on a coldwar
basis. It is harassed by domes-
tic politics in each major coun-
try—the United States, Britain
and France.

It operates at a great tactical
disadvantage in never being
able to use the same ruthless,
sometimes brutal, tactics of its
opponent.

It is widely dispersed around
the world and separated by
oceans. It is continuously plagu-
ed with such blunders as Presi-
dent Truman's plan to send a
special envoy to Moscow for an
international action at the very mo-
ment when East-West action is
most necessary.

Neither side can accurately
predict what the other may do.
But one of the West's major ex-
perts on Russia, who played a
prominent part on the West's side
of the cold war, insists time is

on the side of the West and that
the West will, at all costs, avoid
a quick decision or showdown if
the Russians will let it.

Russian Weakness

He blames much of the Rus-
sian rigidity and stubbornness
of recent months on growing Sov-
iet awareness of their own
weakness in Europe. He said the
Russians seized, politically, half
of Europe and thought the other
half was theirs too. Now they
discover they probably never will
get the other half and may be

INDONESIA TAKES VETERAN RED

Batavia, October 12.

The Moscow-trained Indonesian veteran Commu-
nist, Alimin, has fallen into the hands of Indone-
sian Republicans, the Republican news agency,
Antara, reported tonight.

Alimin and three other im-
portant Communists were cap-
tured by the Republican Army
engaged in operations against
Java Communist rebels at an
undisclosed place yesterday,
Antara added.

The Chinese newspaper, Sin Po,
reported here today that Muso,
leader of the Communist coun-
ter-revolution against the Indone-
sian Republicans, Dr. Amin Sjari-
fuddin and Sujudjo Setiadit,
leaders of the Indonesian Com-
munist insurrection at Madian,
Central Java, had escaped from
Java to the Siamese capital of
Bangkok.

Alimin, until the arrival of
Muso from Moscow in August,
was unofficially leader of the In-
donesian Communists. After be-
ing in Russia and China during
the second World War, he re-
turned to Indonesia in the spring of
1946.

His policy was to support the
Nationalists against the Dutch and

FRANCO MAY VISIT LISBON

Lisbon, October 12.

The Portuguese Foreign Min-
ister tonight described as
"completely false," reports
from Gibraltar that General
Francisco Franco was leaving
today for Lisbon.

The Spanish Embassy here said
earlier: "We cannot confirm the
report but also cannot deny it
because we have not received any
message relating to it."
Meanwhile, General Franco
drove to the village of Palos de
Moguer, the starting point of
Christopher Columbus' voyage of
discovery in 1492, for the Colum-
bus Day celebrations, it was re-
ported from Madrid.

General Franco and President
Juan Peron of the Argentine ex-
changed goodwill messages on the
occasion of the "fest" which is
celebrated throughout Spain and
Latin America.

The heads of Latin-American
naval missions to Spain, Spanish
Navy chiefs and members of his
Cabinet accompanied General
Franco and his wife and daughter
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P47's Sold To China

Washington, October 12.
Sale of 42 American Army
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to China was disclosed today
by the State Department.
The planes, described as
"militarized," went for US\$-
\$44,000 or less than 10 cents
on the dollar of their total
original cost of US\$6,781,451.
The sale was on August 7.
Also sold to China during
the summer were \$891,322
worth of parts and equipment
for aircraft and 255 engines
for C-46 and C-47 cargo
planes. Price of the engines
was US\$393,500.—Associated
Press.

starting to realise it is going to
be hard to keep the half they al-
ready hold.

The expert said: "They may
think that unless they can get an
out of Europe altogether, they
will be in Eastern Europe will
become untenable."—United Press.

RUSSIANS WINNING COLD WAR?

Washington, October 12.
Senator Ralph E. Flanders said
today that the United States has
lost a "major, perhaps decisive,
battle" in the "cold war" with
Russia.

Senator Flanders told a news
conference that the Soviets are
succeeding in diverting the multi-
billion dollar Marshall plan from
its goal of European economic
recovery to one of rearmament.
And in addition, the Soviet pro-
paganda of its failure is succeed-
ing in "militarising as we have
never been militarised before."

He predicted that the Soviets
"won't start war" for at least
three years because Russia is
gaining her ends by forcing an
"enormous and expensive" ex-
pansion of armed forces in the
United States and Western
Europe.

INDIA TO BE READY

New Delhi, October 13.
The Deputy Prime Minister,
Sardar V. Patel, said today it is
necessary for India to increase
armed might "in view of dis-
turbed conditions in Southeast
Asia."

He specifically named Burma,
Malaya and China.

Speaking in Hindi to the
people of his community from the
Bombay district at a Hindu
festival, he said:
"If we are to follow Mahatma
Gandhi let us do so. But if we
cannot, let us arm ourselves and
be prepared. Let us not fall prey
to the forces of disorder that are
lapping at India's borders and
disturbing some, though negligi-
ble, portions within."

Patel, strong man of the all-
India Congress Party, asked
Pakistan again to withdraw her
troops from Kashmir.

"There can be no friendship
between India and Pakistan until
and unless Pakistan withdraws all
her troops" from the princely
states, he said.—Associated Press.

MAIZE RECORD

Washington, October 12.
The latest official estimates are
that United States maize produc-
tion this year will reach 3,648,
000,000 bushels, easily surpassing
the record figure of 3,250,000,000
in 1946.

Mr. Denis A. Fitzgerald, Direc-
tor of the Food Division of the
Economic Cooperation Adminis-
tration, estimated that Europe
would take nearly 450,000,000
bushels from the current crop and
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SHANGHAI DOCKWATERS 10 1/2
MINING:
Kaoh Mines 8 1/2
H.K. Mines 8 1/2

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS:
H. & S. Hotels 14 1/2
H.K. Lands 8 1/2, 8 1/2
Shanghai Lands 8 1/2

Humphreys (X. Rts.) 18 1/2
H.K. Realities 18 1/2

China Estate 17 1/2
PUBLIC UTILITIES:
H.K. Tramways 20 1/2, 10 1/2, 10 1/2

Peak Tram (Old) 19 1/2
Peak Tram (New) 11 1/2

Star Ferry 12 1/2
C. Lights (Old) 20 1/2, 20 1/2, 20 1/2

(New) (P. Rd.) 20 1/2
H.K. Electric 27 1/2, 17 1/2
Macau Electric 24 1/2

Bandana Lights 16 1/2
Telephones 35 1/2
Shanghai Gas 16 1/2

INDUSTRIALS:
Cold. Mfg. (Ord.) 24 1/2
Canton Iron 7 1/2

Cement 35 1/2
H.K. Ropes 10 1/2

STORES & ETC.:
Dairy Farms (Old) 4 1/2
(New) 4 1/2

Watsons (Old) 5 1/2
(New) 5 1/2

L. Crawford (X. Rts.) 5 1/2
(Rights) 18 1/2

Bleachers 8 1/2
China Investment 10 1/2

H.K. Construction (Old) 8 1/2
Vibro (Old) 15 1/2

(New) 15 1/2
Marman Investments 10 1/2

Marman (H.K.) 14 1/2
Shanghai Loan 4 1/2

COTTONS:
Ewes 15 1/2

RUBBER, ETC., COMPANIES:
Anglo-Java 5 1/2

Cheng Rubber 7 1/2
Consolidated Rubbers 2 1/2

Kota Rubber 2 1/2
Peking Rubbers 10 1/2

Rubber Trust 10 1/2
Samazara Rubbers 1 1/2

Shanghai Rubber 2 1/2
Tianah Rubber 7 1/2

Tobacco Rubber 4 1/2
Zhangbe Rubbers 6 1/2

Idle Funds To Be Reduced

Shanghai, October 12.

A formula will shortly be laid down to reduce the amount of idle funds, the Finance Ministry stated here yesterday following the return from the United States.

Mr. Wang Yun-wu left for Nanking last night by train. He flew to Washington in the latter part of September and presided over the third annual meeting of the Governors of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Before he left for Nanking, Mr. Wang told newsmen his suggestion that the Far East and South America should get more loans.

He also expressed the opinion that the meeting that the World Bank had laid too much emphasis on rehabilitation instead of reconstruction, and Europe instead of other countries.

—Reuter.

Rice Position
It was believed in London that Burma's allocation of £2,000,000 of hard currency from the central reserves of the sterling area represents some concession to Burma. It appeared to be a little more (by perhaps £200,000 or so) than Burma actually drew from the central reserves during the first half of this year.

Well-informed financial circles saw several possible reasons for this relative generosity on Britain's part. If it encouraged Burma to expand its rice crop, it would greatly help the other members of the sterling area, notably India and Malaya.

The rice position in South East Asia has held up remarkably well against all the political unrest, but, as the staff of life of many millions of people, it justifies all possible safeguarding.

By reducing imports of other grains, bigger shipments of Burmese rice might actually save dollars.

Financial officials also mentioned the desirability of any action tending to strengthen the forces of law and order in Burma.

In one sense, even a rather generous limit might be a useful safeguard to Britain, since any limit is better than none.

In theory, Burma, like any other member of the sterling area, is entitled to draw on the central reserves of the sterling area for all essential imports from the hard currency areas.

Common Interest
In practice, all member countries have agreed on self-discipline in this matter, since the common interest of strengthening the sterling area as a whole is also the clear individual interest of each member country.

For the same reason, this agreement could not be formally.

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London: Silver, Spot fine ounce 47d, Forward 47d; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce 172 1/2.

New York: Silver, Bar, (asked price) 77 1/2 cts; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce (official) \$35.

Bombay: Silver, Ready, per 100 tolas Rupees 175, Annas 12; Forward 174, 12; Marwar (unofficial) 175, 12; Gold, delivered, per tola 114, 12; Forward (unofficial) 114, 12; Sovereign unquoted.

(One tola is equal to 3/16 of an ounce.)

Buenos Aires: Sovereign, buyers, 195.00; sellers, 205.00; U.S. Englen, 320.00; 335.00; Gold, Bar, per gramme, (buyers-sellers) unquoted.

Bangkok: Gold, Bar, baht-weight of 15.244 grammes unquoted, Exchange Rate (Selling) Bangkok on New York 21.1.

19.80; London 60.20; Hong Kong 37.5.

Paris: Free Gold Prices: Napoleon 0.000 Frs.; French 10 franc coins 2.850; Swiss franc 5.750; Union Latine 5.000; Sovereign 7.200; Half Sovereign 3.600; U.S. \$ 20 Coin 28.200; U.S. \$ 10 Coin 13.900; Sovereigns (in free U.S. \$ per ounce) \$97.5; Napoleon (in free U.S. \$ per ounce) \$102.5; U.S. Dollar notes (in black-market) 407.

Paris: Free Market, Rates: Ingots: Fine Gold Ingots, with delivery of counterpart per gramme 234/244 Frs.; Without counterpart 230/240 Frs.; Silver Ingots, per kilo 6,800; 7,400; Platinum Ingots per kilo 800,000, 855,000.—Reuter.

Money Market

The crash in Gold Yuan did not affect gold and the other currencies quoted on the Exchange.

Gold opened yesterday at HK\$314.80 a tael and closed at 12 1/2 cents lower. Fluctuations were within a narrow range, high and low rates being \$312.25 and \$312.75.

U.S. dollars, after opening at HK\$52.71, went up to \$53.30 1/2 in the afternoon.

Plastres opened at HK\$10.87 a 100 and closed at \$10.78.

Ticals were unchanged at HK\$25.60 a 100.

NEI: Guilders fluctuated between HK\$33.40 and \$33.30 a 100.

Sterling was quoted at HK\$13.63 and Australian pounds at HK\$12.53.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

San Francisco, October 13.

The transport General Edwin E. Patrick arrived yesterday from Yokohama.

Seattle—The Dandberg arrived yesterday from Yokohama. The John H. Quick and the Nordine left for Yokohama.

Portland, Oregon—The ship Oregon arrived yesterday from Yokohama. Associated Press.

London Stock Exchange

London, October 12.

The last day of account brought some hesitancy to the industrial groups today. Trading was meagre and consisted mainly of levelling up of positions.

Brewery and tobacco shares were dull, and there was some selling of textiles by the provinces. Iron and steel, however, met occasional small support and remained firm.

There was no check to the upward movement in gilt-edged. Free State issues were selected firmer but small offerings of dividend payers caused losses of a few pence.

The South African gold index was unchanged at 85.1.

SECURITIES:
British Consols, 2 1/2% 79 1/2
Conversion Loan, 5 1/2% 1951 100
Funding Loan, 4 1/2% 1907/8 113 1/2
War Loan, 5 1/2% 1952 104 1/2
War Loan, 3% 104 1/2
Victory Bonds, 4% 110 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES:
British Transport, 3 1/2 100 3/4

INDUSTRIALS:
British American Tobacco (of G.I. & Ireland) 5 1/2
Imperial Chemical Industries (of G.I. & Ireland) 5 1/2

MINER SHARES:
Burmah Corp. 5 1/2
Crown Mines 3 1/2
Nundykore Mines 11 1/2
Rand Mines 8 1/2
Spring Mines 9 1/2

Subsidiaries 9 1/2
Tavoy Tin Co. 10 1/2
Union Corporation 20 1/2

OIL SHARES:
Royal Dutch Co. 23 1/2
Shell Transport & Trading Co. 2 1/2

SHIPPING:
P. & O. Steam Nav. Co. ord. 54 1/2
Funding Loan, 8% 103 1/2
National War Bonds, 2 1/2 101

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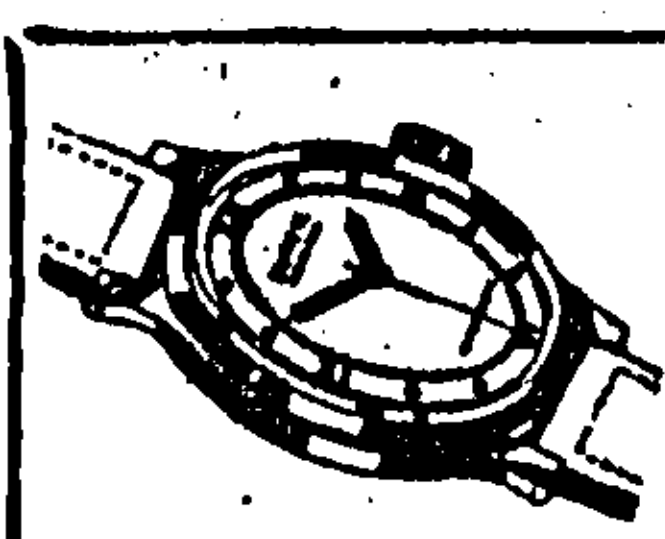
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LEAGUE CUP PLAY ENDS IN SCOTLAND

Dockyard XI Lose To South China

In a Second Division soccer game at Causeway Bay yesterday, Dockyard put up a surprisingly good performance against South China and were decidedly unlucky to lose by the only goal, scored four minutes from the end.

Dockyard enjoyed as much of the game as their opponents, and if their forward line had only displayed a little more understanding and steadiness, the chances are that Dockyard would have been able to snatch both goals.

The Dockyard defence has never given a better display; their goalie, Barrett, performed wonders between the sticks against the keen Chinese attack and the fact that he was able to prevent the Chinese from scoring more than once speaks volumes for his ability.

The Chinese played better as a combination, but their forwards found the going none too easy against the robust defence to which they were opposed.

The first half, which was played at a fast pace in spite of the drizzle which set in, saw both goals come under repeated bombardment. The defence predominated and at half time there was no score.

In the second half, the Chinese did most of the attacking, but it was not until four minutes from the end that they were able to score through Chan Ping-leung, who netted with a fast cross shot from the left which gave Barrett no chance.

Dockyard: Barrett, Carmichael, Penman, Kane, Kelly, Dwyer, Hender, Jack, Wan, Watkins, Turner and Perry.

South China: Tsoi Kin-chung, Yuen Pui-man, Yuen Che-chuen, Chan King-tan, Kwok So, Lam Kam-choi, Lok Tui-shan, Chan Ping-leung, Ho Shun-kit, Chow Kit and Yung Yung-tsun.

Yestoday's Results
SECOND DIVISION
Dockyard 0 South China 1

K.M. Bus 8 W.D. Chinese 2
K.M. HK 3 W.D. Chinese 2
St. Joseph's 2 Solicitors' C. 1

Today's Soccer
SECOND DIVISION
Navy v Police (Navy, 5.15 p.m.). Referee: N. Deland.

K.C.A.A. v P.C.A. (Thundray, 5.15 p.m.). Referee: J.G. Polley.

Chinese v Tramways (Caroline Hill, 5.15 p.m.). Referee: M. McKenzie.

Army-Kl. (2.45 p.m.). Referee: M. McKenzie.

CLUB LINE-UP
The following will represent the Club 2nd XI against the Navy at the Club Ground on Saturday, October 16:

Clifton; Taylor, A. Mackenzie; Locke, Fowler, Omsager; Macdonald, Urquhart, A. H. Mackenzie, McAdam.

Kickoff: 3.30 p.m.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB
NOTICE TO MEMBERS
Eighth Extra Race Meeting

Saturday, 23rd October, 1948.
The First Bet will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.
Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all costs etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.
The Treasurer's Comptrol Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of Affiliates will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.
Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.
Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing on their duties but must remain in their employers' stands.

By ALCYDES

In Scotland on Saturday, the concluding matches of the League Cup are played. Both Dundee and East Fife are assured of places in the quarter finals because with loads of four and three points respectively and one game each to play they cannot be overtaken.

Chief interest is centred on the Rangers-Celtic game at Ibrox Park. Both have six points from five games and in the first meeting on September 25, Celtic ran out winners by three goals to nothing and these three have proved to be the only goals conceded by Rangers in this competition. To be assured of a place Celtic must win, because should a draw result Rangers would be top by virtue of a better goal average.

In the last section, St. Mirren and Aberdeen are away at Third Lanark and Morton respectively. At the moment both the Saints and Aberdeen have six points from five games but St. Mirren have a much better goal average. In the "B" Division only Raith who lead A Section by four points from Dumbfries' five, are assured of a place.

In England's First Division Derby County have what appears to be an easy match at Everton's Goodison Park. It will be remembered that Derby won the corresponding game of last season by 3-1.

Portsmouth Picked
Birmingham at present in third place receive Liverpool. Portsmouth the leaders are at home to Sunderland and like the Newcastle game of a fortnight ago, this should prove a thriller. It proved a draw last season but this year the Royal Blues have

Portsmouth picked

Local Soccer Standings

Chinese A.A.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
Chinese A.A.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

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Swindin Tradition



Arsenal goalkeeper, George Swindin, has a reputation for taking the ball off an invading forward's toe. He lies up to it in this picture, where he is seen scooping the ball off the foot of Wolverhampton Wanderers' inside right, Dunn. Keeping close watch is Arsenal's centre-half, Leslie Compton. Arsenal won, 3 to 1.—AP Photo.

Fanling Has Busy Week-End

Fanling had a busy weekend with the Colony Championship last Saturday and the Interport against Shanghai on Sunday and Monday.

The Championship was won by Mr. J.A.O. Davies with a score of 156 after a play off with Mr. K.S. Kinghorn.

The play off consisted of three holes. Runners up in the competition were Mr. G.G.D. Carter with 157 followed by two Shanghai visitors J.B. Mackinnon and L. Needham with 158.

The best scratch scores on the two courses were noted by Mr. Mackinnon on the Old and Mr. Carter on the New.

The 36 hole Net prize was obtained by Mr. N.A. Brown with 147 and the individuals course prizes by Mr. E. Bathurst on the Old and Mr. L. Aucott on the New.

The Interport produced some very exciting golf. The issue was in doubt until the very end. Shanghai won four of the singles to three for Hong Kong, one being halved. This was a bitterly fought battle between Mr. Lisner of Hong Kong and Mr. MacLennan of Shanghai, 34 of the 36 holes being hotly contested.

The four ball matches resulted in two wins for Hong Kong, one for Shanghai with one halved. The result was virtually decided on the last green of the Leading match where Mr. Mackinnon was human enough to miss a five foot putt for a half which would have given Shanghai the victory.

The Bogey competitions on both courses resulted in a win for Mr. J.D. Mackinnon on Thursday and a return of two up and Mr. D. Hung on the New with All Square.

Hong Kong are reminded that entries for the Victory Cup close on October 31. Entry lists are posted at all club houses and at the Hong Kong Club.

GODSEL BEATEN
London, October 13.
Jean Borotra of France gained the quarter final round of the British covered courts lawn tennis tournament yesterday by defeating the ex-school master, George Godsel, of Britain 6-2, 6-2.—Associated Press.

Manila Worried Over HK Mermaids
By KIMBERLEY

In a special service message to the "China Mail", William Ayers, AP correspondent in Manila, said that the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation is slightly worried about the seven young ladies arriving in Manila today for the competition with Hong Kong.

The same message tells us that Dr. Regino Ylanan, Secretary-Treasurer of the P.A.A.F. is in Manila, confident in the team members of the team that he is in the girls, who, he said, are not very experienced.

Six of the girls are university co-eds and one is from a high school. Of the men, Amabuyok and Cayco are the best swimmers, who have recently returned to Manila from the Wausley competition.

With this message, William Ayers brings a sunshine of hope to the Hong Kong's chilly October weather, which Dr. Ylanan fears will produce Filipino shivers in our mid-autumn waters.

Although October in Hong Kong usually entails packing away our swimming tops, we should not find the weather as much an incumbrance as the visitors will, who are some nine degrees latitude nearer the equator.

A message seem to disprove any of Hong Kong's hopes of placing record in either of the breast stroke events.

Both Amabuyok and Cayco are reported to be of equal strength and as Cayco is swimming in the rivalry, he must be the Manila first stringer in the breast stroke.

According to William Ayers, Cayco won the Philippine 200 metres breast stroke championship of 1946. But it was Amabuyok who made a finer showing at the Olympics, having survived the first round while the champion failed to qualify.

This is not only a convincing proof that Manila should be placed first and second in both the breast stroke races, but gives them almost sure guarantee of victory in the medley relay unless our A.V. Lopes really wins in the 100 back, which is not at all likely.

The interport arranged for October 15 and 16 at the Victoria Recreation Club bath, will be an extremely tight affair in which Hong Kong will certainly be needing her ladies.

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